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ISRAEL TOO — The number of homeless in Israel is growing, as this photo shows. Their treatment is vastly different from the way they are almost ignored elsewhere, even in the U.S. See story on page NAT 3.



ANYTHING FOR TOURISM — Almost every kind of potential tourist has been invited to visit Israel, and now the Tourism Ministry has brought a group of 12 American Indian and Eskimo Christian leaders on a 10-day tour as shown here. Holding the American flag with an Indian superimposed on it, are two representatives of the ministry. The group represents an organization of Native American Christians that includes 5000 churches in the U.S., Canada and Central and South America.

Netzach Israel Lo Yeshakare

A Yom HaShoah Kaddish

Dear Editor,

We, the Jewish people, designated "Yom HaShoah" as the *yahrzeit* for all the six million Jews who were killed in the Holocaust by the Germans and their helpers. I also designated this day the *yahrzeit* of my family among the others that I lost in the Holocaust.

As a survivor of Auschwitz, I was asked to lead the kaddish at the memorial service in my community. With humility and a heavy heart, I accepted. Now let me share with you some of the vivid pictures that flashed through my mind just before I said the kaddish.

Today I say kaddish for my mother, Batyah, the daughter of Sara-Leah and Mendel, who was gassed in Auschwitz at the age of 43. I say kaddish for my father, David Elimelech, the son of Yitzhak and Miryam, who died in Lodz Ghetto at 43. I say kaddish for my younger brothers, Shabtai Eliyahu, who at the age of nine was gassed in a killing van (an early German engineering feat that preceded the gas chambers). I say kaddish for my two sisters, Machcia and Bella, who were gassed together with my mother in Auschwitz at the ages of 17 and 19. I say kaddish for my maternal and paternal grandparents whose lives were snuffed out by the Germans.

Today, I say kaddish for my many aunts, uncles, cousins and countless numbers of relatives, whose roots in Poland go back hundreds of years.

Today, I say kaddish for my classmates, none of whom survived, my schoolmates at the Darchai Noam school; for the kids in my Zionist Youth Group; for my friends who died as Jews before their bar and bat mitzvah; for all the members of my synagogue; for my neighbors and for the Jews of my town, who no one will remember by name.

I also say kaddish for Ahron Jacobson, one of my Zionist Youth leaders in the Lodz Ghetto, whom I met again in the concentration camp when he was a mere walking skeleton, but still with a saintly heart beating in his chest. We were digging a sewer ditch standing in water so cold we could see ice forming around our legs. The moment the Germans looked away from us, Ahron, with his finger in the clay on the side of the ditch, scratched out the word "nili," the acronym for "Netzach Israel lo yishakare," meaning the eternity of Israel shall not be denied, words from the prophet Samuel. Today, I say kaddish for Ahron.

I say kaddish for the many inmates of my concentration camp. I say kaddish for the Jews whose souls never died, even though their bodies

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Opinions mixed here on land-for-peace policy

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has repeatedly said Israel will retain the West Bank, the Gaza Strip and the Golan Heights. The P-O asked a few local people if they think Israel should be willing to trade some land in these areas for peace with her Arab neighbors:

Beatrice Adelsman — The Golan Heights is too near Syria. I wouldn't feel easy about it. The people there know more about it. They have to live there.

Toni Bader — They can give back the Gaza Strip and some of the West Bank. They've got to keep the Golan Heights.

Sally Cook — Bits and pieces, yes. It depends on the piece and how sure it is that that would assure peace.

Connie Epstein — No. I'm not for giving up any.

William Frank — Yes. The Gaza Strip, mainly.

Leonore Greenberg — I

don't think they should give an inch. I believe what he (Shamir) thinks, and I also agreed with Begin. I think the only time they'll be safe is if they have protection by not giving up any land for peace.

Anita Harris — I believe we should give some land for peace. I just know that we have to do something to cause peace. If we don't give a little, we'll get nothing. We'll end up where we are now.

Daniel Jacobson — I wouldn't give anything up. But, I think eventually we may have to give something up — some land. I would rather he (Shamir) would hold out.

Jacque Kirsh — I think that it should be a consideration. Unless people sit down and discuss it, there's just no hope for peace at all in the Middle East.

Sheldon Landau — What are the Arabs going to give up? No. He (Shamir) shouldn't give any of it back. That's his ammunition.

Woman helps blind with 28 years of braille typing

SOUTH BEND — For nearly three decades, Mitzie Schrager has been putting her fingers to a mitzvah that has benefited Jewish and non-Jewish blind people in South Bend and elsewhere.

Schrager, 67, is a certified Brailist who produces books for the Jewish Braille Institute and for other needs. She got started through the Temple Beth-El Sisterhood.

"One of our sisterhood members was a certified Brailist who offered to teach anyone who was interested. That's how I started," she said. JBI is run by the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods.

She has no estimate of how many books she has converted from print to the raised dots of Braille in 28 years.

"They're all different lengths," she said. "We try to do books for pupils to keep them in public school. That's our main priority. We have several in South Bend."

"We also do things for local people who need immediate things. We have a blind



Mitzie Schrager

woman who recently got a microwave. She needed her instruction book Brailled. We do that kind of thing for people who really have nowhere else to turn. When we don't have specific requests, we Braille for the JBI."

Just as not all the beneficiaries of the work are Jewish, she said, although six or seven of the Brailists work under the auspices of Temple Beth-El Sisterhood.

A side project, she said, is an effort to switch to computer

Braille instead of typing manually on a Perkins Brailier — a typewriter-like machine that produces the combinations of six dots and spaces that constitute the Braille alphabet with its punctuation and numbers.

"It's been a struggle to find someone who knows both Braille and computers," Schrager said.

To learn Braille, she explained, takes from six months to a year.

"You learn from a manual published by the Library of Congress," she said. Usually a Brailier certified by the Library of Congress is the teacher. Schrager is certified and now teaches others the skill.

The books and other documents produced are proofread by certified proofreaders who usually are blind people, she said.

Schrager said she works about an hour a day on Braille.

"Either you love it or you hate it," she said.

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Lafayette hosts regional convention of Hadassah

LAFAYETTE — About 75 delegates representing several thousand members of the Illinois-Indiana Region of Hadassah, the largest Women's Zionist Organization in the world, will convene here for the organization's 42nd annual conference at the Howard Johnson Plaza Hotel Sunday and Monday, May 3 and 4.

Regional chairperson Florence Harr and local chair Sandy Pearlman are planning the program.

Professor Louis Beres, internationally-known political scientist at Purdue, will discuss "Prospects for Peace in the Middle East." Following his major address at 8 p.m., Sunday, the Lafayette Klezmerim, a well-known Jewish music ensemble, will entertain. Also, at 3 p.m. the Hadassah sponsored youth group of Lafayette, HaSchachar, will present a brief original program.

The conference will also feature talks by Bonnie Lipton, Pittsfield, MA, a member of the Hadassah national executive board, who is a 1960 Purdue graduate, and Dr.

Aron Aji of Butler University. Cantor Ray Edgar of Indianapolis will present a musical program. Region Hadassah president, Lillian Rest of Wilmette, Ill., and Lafayette Chapter president Marilyn Engel will preside.

Three themes will dominate the conference — the expulsion of the Jews in 1492 by King Ferdinand and Queen

Isabella of Spain, the 25th anniversary of the reunification of the Holy City of Jerusalem, and the celebration of the founding of the Hadassah organization 80 years ago by Henrietta Szold.

Hadassah supports a host of educational and medical institutions in Israel and the United States.

Temple to honor Shulman's 90th

SOUTH BEND — The 90th birthday of Rabbi Albert M. Shulman, who served Temple Beth-El for 33 years, will be celebrated at services Friday night and Saturday, May 15 and 16. Rabbi Shulman, who now lives in Sarasota, Fl., was a navy chaplain in World War II, and is the author of two books, "Gateway to Judaism" and "The Religious Heritage of America."



Albert Shulman

2 concentration camp documentaries on WFYI

Indianapolis viewers will have the opportunity of watching the by now famous

The Lodz Ghetto at 8 p.m. Saturday, May 2 on WFYI.

Two days earlier at 8 p.m. and 9 p.m. respectively city viewers will be able to watch *To Bear Witness* and *Auschwitz: If You Cried, You Died* on WFYI. The two documentaries feature the photographic works and historical accounts of Gene Click and Mike Vogel.

To Bear Witness, the Emmy-award winning docu-

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More campaign givers may be giving less

The current Federation campaign likely will end up counting more givers but less money, Federation Executive Vice President Harry Nadler said.

Nadler explained the campaign so far has collected about \$2.9 million compared with the \$4.3 million collected by December of last year, so there is a long way to go in both days and dollars.

"We're about 2 percent ahead, card-for-card," he said. "Card-for-card means those people who have made their pledges gave about 2 percent more than last year. The problem is with the people who haven't made pledges yet."

If the current rate of collections kept up, he said, the

campaign would end up with 2 percent more dollars.

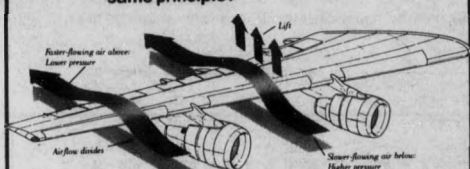
"It won't keep up. It doesn't take into consideration people who have died or moved away."

We probably will not end up with as much money this year as last year, but there's no way of knowing yet," he said.

Even with as many or more people contributing, Nadler explained, "when you lose one gift of significance, it takes more than one gift to make it up. This happens every year. There's always gifts you lose."

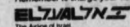
"If you have a person who gave \$5,000 and died, the new giver isn't going to start at the \$5,000 level," he said. "You need 10 people who'll give \$500 to make up that."

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Passover seders brought joy to many families

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MATZAH & WINE: Family and friends gathered around the seder tables of



Etana and Alan Friedman for the holiday meals. Guests who made the gathering joyful were Alan's parents, Dorothy and Sheldon Friedman, brother and his wife, Neil and Annette Friedman from Baltimore; Dorothy's mother from Deerfield Beach, Fla.; Etana's father, Rabbi Macy Gordon, Jerusalem; her brother, Uri Gorton, from New York; and sister Shira Gordon, New York.

Also at the first seder were guests Esther Schwartz, Rabbi

and Mrs. Francis Natav with their son Jael and Dr. Fred Mandelkorn. The second seder at the Friedman house brought Dr. and Mrs. Les Lenkowsky together with their sons Matt and Adam and Dr. Bess Popp.

FAMILY: Sema and Ted Sapper's seder guests in their home were Mildred and Jack Alboher; Lea and Bernard Frankovitz, Shelly Frankovitz and Jeff Wasserman, Louisville, Ky.; Sonny and Dave Hoffman, Natalie Sapper, Debbie and Michael Sapper, Sherri and Paul Sapper with their children, Jake and Brit-tani.

APRIL IN PARIS: Louis Stern, who lives in Paris, France, is the brother of Eve Perlstein's late mother. Eve, who visited her uncle nine times during the past 11 years, in April was in Paris again. Eve's spry uncle, age 85, is good company and plainly enjoyed the visit, she said. She

also visited many museums, browsed in the stores and saw well-known and familiar sites in the French capital.

VISIT: Sylvia and Mike Blain's son and family were here for Passover. David, Susan, Jennifer and Ezra came from Mount Laurel, N.J.

COLORS AND SHADOWS: Leah Traugott, Indianapolis artist, received the "Popular Prize" in the 60th Annual Exhibition of the Indiana Artist Club. A watercolor titled "Vases with Shadows" received the most votes for the award by visitors to the month-long showing at the Indianapolis Museum of Art.

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAY: For the seders Ruth and Leon Nitsun's children came to Indianapolis. Daughter Fiona came from St. Louis with her husband, Gavin Kark, and Martin Nitsun came from Chicago.

DOUBLE: Twins Kelly Bodner and Shelly Lipps, were 30 years old. Their husbands, Steve Bodner and John Lipps, gave a dinner party to celebrate the double birthday in the home of Karen Mahrdt on April 11. Among the guests were Ilana and Larry Boblick, Dori and Jerry Bluestein, Rochelle Cohen and Peter Long, Aliza and Gabriel Farahan, Laurel and Roger Grass, Patty Goodman, Faith and Ron Kerbis, Caroline and Greg Kroot, Blair and Irwin Levin, Linda Nefouse, Lisa Sherman, Cindy and Paul Skjodt, Susan Voigtman and many others.

FROM FAR & NEAR: Susie and Dick Jacobs' home was filled with people celebrating the Passover holiday. For the seder the Jacobses' three children, David, Karen and Laurie, came home. Aunt and uncle Caroline and Fritz Goldbach were there with their daughter and her family from California: Lisa, John and Jennifer Geisse. Also at

the festive table were Susie's parents, Doty and Bill Meyers, Ft. Lauderdale; sister Leslie and her husband, Jim Curlew with their five boys; other sister, Madelyn and Mark Lillianfield, with their three children from Lafayette, Patty Dann and Sally and Michael Meyers with daughter Marcie.

Julie Livingston weds Jeffrey Echt

Julie Meredith Livingston and Jeffrey David Echt were married on April 11 at Lake Shore Country Club in Glen-coe, Ill. Rabbis Sandy and Dennis Sasso and Rabbi Charles Levy officiated at the ceremony.

The bride's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Livingston of Highland Park. The bridegroom is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Echt of Indian-

apolis. The bride has a bachelor's degree in history from Indiana University and is an investment broker at Kidder Peabody in Chicago.

The bridegroom has a bachelor's degree in accounting and a law degree from Indiana University. He is a lawyer with Masuda, Funai, Eifert & Mitchell Ltd. in Chicago.

Safrin-Rosen vows planned

Elaine and Frank Safrin, Indianapolis, announce the engagement of their son, Ron Safrin, to Jane Rosen, daughter of Viki and Tom Rosen of Long Island, N.Y.

The bride is the granddaughter of Judge Samuel R.

Rosen of Nashville, Ind. Jane is a pediatric occupational therapist at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing, Mich. The groom is attending the Thomas Cooley Law School in Lansing. A New York wedding is planned for the fall of 1993.

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mentary, was filmed at the 1981 International Liberators Conference, showing survivors from 14 different nations sharing their experiences.

Auschwitz: If You Cried was produced locally by Glenn Roberts and provides a historical account of a Nazi concentration camp through the eyes of Mike Vogel.



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FLASH! Chuckles. In business, you charge everything — and pay for it later. In politics, the payment comes first and the charges are filed



later... AND... The working girl said, "When I get through with the deductions on my salary, the only thing I have left for a rainy day, is a pair of galoshes"... AND... Our present Congress doesn't know the value of a million and a billion because they sound so much alike — they think the difference is in the spelling... AND... Sex in college has gotten so much publicity all over the country that schools are faced with a brand-new problem, "dropins"... AND... Confucius say, "Who say I say all those things they say I say?"

FLASH! Congrats to Michelle Bartick (Dick/Virginia/Cecelia Smith) and Brian Barrett (David/Marjorie from Brookville, IN) who have set their wedding date for June 13 at the Westin Hotel. Brian and Michelle met at Eli Lilly, where they both worked. He is now attending law school and Michelle is working on her Master's, while still employed at Lilly. Lots of luck to the happy couple.

FLASH! The Jewish Community Center's first seder was a huge success, with more than 100 people attending. Gershon Levine and wife,

Rabbi Andrea Gauze, conducted the seder. A number of Russian new Americans attended, and a Russian translator was on hand to help. A wonderful to have a public seder in our community and hope it becomes an annual affair.

FLASH! Norm's philosophy of the week: If you don't want to work, remember you have to work to learn enough so you won't have to work.

FLASH! Daffynitions. (Bowling alley)-The only place where people bother to pick up all the pins. (Husband)-Is like a car. If you take care of him, you won't have to be getting a new one all the time. (Pedestrian)-A man who has a family of growing-up children and one car. (Galahad)-A former sweetheart. (Old-fashioned girl)-One who stays home because she has nothing to wear. (Body)-The human body is a wonderful thing. Pat one on the back and he gets a swelled head. (Credit card)-Using a credit card is a convenient way to spend money you wish you had.

FLASH! It was a lovely second seder at Beth-El Zedeck, where all enjoyed the traditional order of the seder as well as the tasty meal. Observing the 500th anniversary of the expulsion of the Jews from Spain, many Ladino and Spanish songs were sung and Sephardic meanings and customs explained.... FLASH! Also the second seder at IHC was well-attended and all enjoyed the Passover story and the delicious dinner. Among the many honored guests were the parents of Rabbi Milder, Dr./Mrs. Benjamin Milder of St. Louis. Heard on the Manischewitz Grapevine,

that Rabbi Stein told the sederites that he had "bad" news and "worse" news to tell them. The "bad" news was that Cantor Roger was ill and would not be there; the "worse" news was that he and Rabbi Milder would substitute for her. Understand they were great.

FLASH! Reminder. The Beth-El Zedeck Men's Club Bowling League banquet will be held on Monday, May 18, at North Meridian Inn, starting at 6:30 p.m. A wonderful evening is planned, with money prizes, trophies and good comradeship... FLASH! I love this. Two clerks talking. "Poor old Watkins, he has lost his hearing. I'm afraid he'll lose his job." "No, he won't. He's to be transferred to the complaint department."

FLASH! Attention Senior Citizens: Don't miss the "Senior Dinner Dance" to be held on Sunday, May 17, at Beth-El Zedeck Synagogue, 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. A complete kosher chicken dinner, orchestra, dancing, surprises, and a "surprise Master-of-Ceremonies" (he's great), etc., etc. But you must make a reservation by May 8. An evening of complete fun. Call Evelyn Harris at the Center, 251-9467, for more information.

FLASH! A cutie. A customer in a supermarket was complaining about paying \$15 for such a small sack of groceries. The clerk asked, "Would you like me to put it in a bigger sack?"

FLASH! Last Tuesday, a model seder was held at the Center for the Golden Agers, conducted by Rabbi Larry Milder. Recognizing the 500th anniversary of the expulsion of the Jews from Spain, many Sephardic customs were ex-

plained and Ladino foods were enjoyed. Thanks to Gladys Nisenbaum for the Sephardic nice touch.

FLASH! Jest for laffs. A supermarket just started a speed line. It's for seven items or \$48, whichever is less... OR... "Excuse me, madam, are all those your children, or are you on a picnic?" "Yes, they are all mine and it's no picnic"... OR... You're getting older if you can remember when a girl blushed at a dirty joke instead of memorizing it... OR... "Does my wife know how to drive! She just got a ticket for making a U-turn in the Lincoln Tunnel!"... OR... When the lady heard that 5,000 elephants go each year to make piano keys, she remarked, "Really, isn't it remarkable what those beasts can be trained to do."

FLASH! Happy birthdays in May for Alice Berkowitz, Ken Hecht, Dr. Harold Aron, Jack Maurer, Ann Moschel, Debbie Sandock and Sally Felsner. Enjoying a May anniversary are Dr. Charles/June Fisch; Alan/Rosita Zukerman; Lil/Maurice (Trib) Delott; Milt/Muriel Bluestein and Dr. David/Ellen Gabovitch. You all enjoy.

FLASH! Mrs. Smythe was making arrangements for an elaborate reception. "Nora," she said to her veteran servant, "For the first half I want you to stand at the drawing room door and call each guest's names as they arrive." Nora's face lit up. "Thank you, ma'am," she replied. "I've been wanting to do that to some of your friends for the last 20 years."

Book by IU Press wins Jewish award

BLOOMINGTON — A book published by the Indiana University Press in conjunction with the Jewish Museum of New York has won the 1992 National Jewish Book Award of the Jewish Book Council in the visual arts competition. The

Jewish Book Council is a project of the Jewish Community Centers Association. The book, "Painting a Place in America: Jewish Artists in New York 1900-1945" edited by Norman L. Kleeblatt and Susan Chevlowe.

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'Passed Away' strange comedy film

By CHARLES EPSTEIN

Hollywood Pictures, a division of Disney Pictures, is releasing a film comedy based upon death. This strange combination, comedy and



death, is extremely difficult to pull off. The last successful film of this nature was Albert Brooks' movie, *Defending Your Life*, which took place in Judgment City. This new film *Passed Away* takes place only on earth. Sometimes this comedy belongs somewhere else, though.

There are many things wrong with *Passed Away*. Obviously the subject matter is not a pleasant one, nor an

inherently funny situation. However, the screenplay takes exception to this view. Another glaring defect is that there are too many characters to keep track of. Granted, the characters are well defined and interesting enough so that we are very curious to know more about them, yet *Passed Away* would have been a seven-hour movie under these circumstances. The histories of these people must be fascinating and many more questions are asked than answered in this film.

The cast is wonderful and huge. Jack Warden plays a 70-year-old father of four who is recovering from a massive heart attack. When one of his two sons throws a "Welcome Home" party, Warden is so surprised he suddenly drops dead.

Bob Hoskins is the oldest of the four children and therefore becomes head of a very unorthodox household. His

sister, Pamela Reed, is a dancer who brings her divorced husband of four years to the funeral. She has not notified anyone of her family that a divorce has taken place, and tries to conceal it by having Tim Curry, her ex-husband, reluctantly accompany her.

Peter Riegert, the handsome pickle man from *Crossing Delancey* is employed by the undertaker who is handling the funeral arrangements. Riegert's interesting past is only minutely referred to. We are informed he was in prison and sold drugs. How he became a "cosmetician" in a funeral parlor is never explained, but he has a crush on Pamela Reed. She reciprocates his advances and they have an upstairs fling during the wake downstairs.

Marvelous Maureen Stapleton is Warden's widow whom everyone tries to protect. However her knowledge is as superior as is her acting.

The rest of this ensemble cast consists of Blair Brown, Frances McDormand, William Petersen and Nancy Travis. All of whom are sturdy spokes in this wheel of life and death. Jack Warden had a mistress. Bob Hoskins thinks he knows who it is, falls in love with her, and decides to leave his wife and kids. His younger brother now takes his father's place as head of the labor union, although he is completely incompetent. On and on the side plots continue as the black sheep sister returns

to attend her father's funeral. She is a liberated nun running an underground railroad for illegal aliens.

This movie really is so complicated we get worn out

trying to follow all the side plots. Only one person gets buried in *Passed Away*. Perhaps it would be better if this film would join the deceased.

Chicago art tour is planned

The Jewish Educators Council of Indianapolis, representing the Jewish educators of Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation, Congregation Beth-El Zedeck, Jewish Community Center, Bureau of Jewish Education and Hebrew Academy, are organizing a bus trip to the Chicago Jewish Folk Arts Festival Sunday, June 14.

The Festival features art,

music, dance, a crafts fair, children's entertainment, activities and food.

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OBITUARIES

Dorothy Shane succumbs at age 84

Death at the age of 84 came to Dorothy Distenfield Shane, who died last Thursday. She was a member of Beth-El Zedeck Congregation, and Rabbi Dennis Sasso conducted funeral services at Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Meridian Hills Mortuary Sunday. Burial was in Ohev Zedeck Cemetery.

Mrs. Shane has been an

executive assistant at Household Speciality Co. for approximately 30 years.

She is survived by her son, Robert P. Shane, South Bend; a daughter, Mrs. Gerald Patrick, Torrence, Ca., a brother, Leo Distenfield, Hallandale, Fl, five grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Fanny Lazar Fox dies at Miami Beach

Mrs. Fanny Lazar Fox, widow of Alex Fox, died Thursday in Miami Beach at the age of 91. Rabbi Samuel Schwartz conducted funeral services Sunday at Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Meridian Hills Mortuary. Burial was in Shara Tefilla Cemetery.

Mrs. Fox was a member of the United Orthodox Hebrew Congregation and its

Sisterhood, and the Mizrahi Women.

She had been employed at Peacock's Ladies Dress Shop in Broad Ripple.

She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Michael Miller, Princeton, N.J.; two sisters, Joan Scherer and Ruth Lazar, Miami Beach; a brother, Alex Lazar, and a granddaughter.

Mrs. Max Herskovitz succumbs

Mrs. Max Herskovitz died Thursday at the age of 95. Funeral services were held Monday at Westwood, N.J.

She had been employed as a secretary by Smither Roofing Co., and the Standard Oil Co.

She is survived by a

daughter, Mrs. Myron Kasle; a son, Dr. Bernie Herron, New York City; a sister, Ruth Lamon, San Diego, Ca., six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Arrangements were by Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Meridian Hills Mortuary.

Mrs. Robert Kahn, taken by death

Mrs. Robert Kahn died Saturday at the age of 69. She was affectionally known as Rose D. "R.D." Hyman Kahn. Funeral services were conducted at Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Meridian Hills Mortuary by Rabbi Jon Stein Monday.

She was a member of the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation and its Sisterhood, the board of directors of the Hooverwood Guild, a life member of the Indianapolis Section of the National Council of Jewish Women and Hadassah.

She was a graduate of Louisiana State University.

She is survived by her husband; a daughter, Caryl Shideler; son, James R. Kahn and five grandchildren.

BIRTHS

Helene and Mark Herwitz of St. Louis became the parents of a son, Samuel Benjamin, on April 13. The baby's grandmother is Mildred Ashkenaz.

Mildred Gerbofsky succumbs at age 67

Mrs. Mildred Bisantz Gerbofsky, wife of Herman Gerbofsky, died last Tuesday. She was 67 years old and was a member of the United Orthodox Hebrew Congregation. Funeral services were conducted by Rabbi Lewis Weiss Thurs-

day at Aaron-Ruben-Nelson Meridian Hills Mortuary, with burial in Ezrat Achim Cemetery.

She is survived also by three brothers, Charles, Max and Carl Bisantz, all of Indianapolis.

Woman

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Although many blind people don't read Braille and get through school using tapes, volunteer readers and other aids, she said, without Braille, there is a limit to how far they can go in their studies.

Computerized Braille is much easier, but the most operator-friendly software that lets anyone who can type do Braille is also much more expensive than the manual Braille or the software that requires a knowledge of Braille.

Even with her experience, Schrager said, hers is a limited certification. When a child begins to get into high school math and music, he or she needs access to books done by a specially certified Brailist.

One blind South Bend seventh grader is in that situation, she said. He is a bright youngster who has attended the NASA Space Camp in Huntsville, Ala..

Her work also has helped a blind Muncie woman whose mother was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis.

"She didn't know anything about the disease. I Brailled pamphlets so she would know what's going on with her mother."

"The paper and proofreaders are our chief expenses," she said. The funds are raised yearly at a sisterhood luncheon.

"We have some very dedicated people. But even they wouldn't do it if they didn't enjoy it."

To be certified, a Brailist must submit a 35-page manuscript to the Library of Congress, which grades it. By the time she has instructed a volunteer, there usually is no problem with certification, Schrager said.

"I grade the lessons and make the suggestions to the people," she said.



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JEWISH POST & OPINION

Salaries are deserved

All through our 60-year history of publishing a weekly Jewish newspaper we have had to contend with federation directors who without exception had no use for the Jewish press and especially this particular Jewish press. In fact, the federations in St. Louis and Louisville where we published local editions for years have refused to provide us even with news of their activities, and even in Indianapolis, news releases such as the Yom HaShoah celebration the day this issue is published was not furnished us.

Yet we do not challenge the salaries these executive directors receive, even though they must be in the neighborhood of \$70-80,000. And likewise we do not consider the salaries paid to the executives of the United Jewish Appeal or the Council of Jewish Federations as published in this issue as anything but within reason, considering the obligations involved in their work.

It must be remembered that these officials have devoted their entire lives to Jewish needs and if they have risen to the top in their profession it is because of their abilities and devotion.

The two federations in the news item that refused to provide information on the salaries of their executive directors are at fault. The federation is not a private agency — it represents the Jewish community and is responsible to it. Obviously their salaries are hardly secret. The amounts must be known to the members of these federation boards, and if publication of them would result in unwarranted charges such as that in the news item from Minneapolis, that is because of bad policy — not having these salaries made public heretofore.

The community must accept that its leaders — federation directors, rabbis, etc. — have every right to financial rewards consistent with their standing in their fields.

Inducements factor in West Bank moves

JERUSALEM — The move of families to homes in the West Bank is not difficult to explain, and accounts for the fact for the most part of the 120,000 Jews now living there.

Although housing in Israel proper remains expensive and in short supply, comparatively large apartments are being offered for as little as \$36,400, with government grants of loans of

\$20,000, half of which is forgiven.

In that connection, the annual march through Samaria drew about 5000 settlement activists, vowing that the West Bank will always be part of "Eretz Yisrael" or Greater Israel. A new neighborhood, Karnei Shomron, named Neve Menachem in memory of the late Prime Minister Begin, was inaugurated.

Shamir nominated for Nobel Prize

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Shamir has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize and at least one important Labor Alignment leader called it a joke. Knesset Speaker Dov Shilansky proposed Shamir's

name six months ago without advising his boss, and has received a letter from the prize committee stating that the name had been added to those of 130 other candidates submitted so far.

Seder in Beijing draws 500 Jews

BEIJING — First it's the now famous seder held annually mostly by Israelis at Katmandu and now it's the seder here which was attended by 150 Jews from around the world. The mixed crowd of business people,

diplomats, students, journalists and travelers from a dozen different countries enjoyed multi-lingual readings from the Haggadah and traditional Passover specialties cooked by a Chinese chef.

EDITOR'S CHAIR

We've followed practically from its beginning the Conference on Judaism in Rural New England, which calling on any help from our national Jewish organizations has been, as you will read below, doing a job for the Jews in this particular rural area. Over the years their have been solutions such as circuit riding rabbis — especially the one that was so successful for many years in North Carolina — and now there is this Vermont experiment.

As you read about it, think in terms of other rural areas where the Jews are too scattered to form even an area congregation and where this once a year convocation might well work.

What it takes is one or two or a few inspired people and from then on their enthusiasm is contagious. Yet without them, the idea won't work.

It started as a bright idea on a rainy day. How to spark the fires of Jewish renewal in the rural northeast, among scattered congregations and isolated, disaffected, often (more so than not) intermarried Jews?

"I've got it," cried Marcia Bloomberg, of Hanover, NH. "Let's put on a conference!"

"Great!" agreed Steve Soifer of Montpelier, VT. "Can I be the stage manager?"

"Sure," said Hanover's Lyn Farland, "but who'll be the lead?" All eyes turned to Rabbi Michael Paley, then associate chaplain at Dartmouth.

"Chold on chaverim!" he said, backing toward the door. The other kids blocked his way.

"You're already spiritual leader of Dartmouth Hillel and the Upper Valley Jewish Community," they reminded him. "You're a natural!"

"Well," he shrugged, "do you think anybody'll come?"

The rest is history.

The first Conference on Judaism in Rural New England opened on Oct. 23, 1983, and it was an instant hit. 200 people crowded into Dartmouth's Collis Center for a day of study, klezmer music and industrial-strength schmoozing.

"More! Encore!" the conferees clamored as the curtain rang down. "Do it again next year, only make it a full weekend retreat."

And we have been doing it ever since. Unique among American Jewish organizations in its attention to the needs of a rural population and the challenges of living

Jewishly far from the urban centers of Judaism, the Conference, (now a tax-exempt, non-profit corporation) has become an annual testament to the progress of Jewish renewal, creating a special regional community drawn from throughout the northeast and southern Quebec. Attendance now exceeds 500 — about all that the beautiful hilltop campus of Lyndon State College can accommodate.

This year's theme and programming recognize one of the challenges facing rural Jews and Jewish micro-communities: how to promote the communal practice and observance of Judaism in a way that keeps faith with the Jewish past and tradition but also responds to a demand for personal fulfillment and spiritual autonomy.

The theme will be addressed in about a third off he conference workshops and in the keynote address, to be delivered this year by Rabbi Sheila Peltz Weinberg, spiritual leader of the Jewish Community of Amherst, MA. Another third of the program will be devoted to "skill-building," teaching the basics of prayer, prayer leadership, Hebrew reading and Jewish history so that Jews from communities without rabbis can empower themselves to affirm Judaism in practice. And the rest of the conference will consist of the usual heady and eclectic mix of study and discussion on a variety of topics.

Child care and youth programming will be available from Friday through Sunday, and fees have gone up very little despite a 29 percent increase in meal costs. Our aim, as always, is to encourage family participation.

The Conference is also offering for the first time a "third day," that is, a Monday extension of the conference, consisting of small-group seminars that will last all day (with a break for lunch). Early registration for these seminars is essential. Please note that child care and youth programs will not be offered on Monday.

We urge you to register early, whether you attend the third day or not. Attendance has begun to strain the limits of the Lyndon State campus; we can accommodate about 400 adults, and we expect demand far in excess of that. In the past, we have always been able to shoehorn in last-minute registrants; but we may actually have to turn someone away this year, and we'd rather it wasn't you.

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10. Don't advertise. Forget that you have to keep reminding your established customers that you appreciate their business.

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'Bloated' salaries of UJA, CJF officials are criticized

See editorial in this issue.

MINNEAPOLIS — An article in the American Jewish World here by Michael Olenick, a law student living in St. Paul, listed the salaries of the president of the United Jewish Appeal and of the executive vice president of the Council of Jewish Federations and termed the two officials as "the highest paid heads of non-profit human services organizations in this country." The article claimed the salaries were published in The Star Tribune which credited the information to a bi-weekly newspaper, The Chronicle of Philanthropy.

Olenick's article stated the salaries of UJA's Stanley Horowitz as \$219,364 and Martin Kraar of the CJF as \$207,645.

He related that his attempt to learn the salaries of the St. Paul and Minneapolis federations was unsuccessful.

"If these men argue," the article asserted, "they could make more in business, and they probably could, then that's where they belong....Both the Minneapolis Federation and the United Jewish Fund and Council of St. Paul should be ashamed at the amount of money being diverted to pay the bloated salaries of the heads of their organizations. The UJA should be embarrassed taking money earmarked for a starving Israel and giving it to the best-paid human services directors in the country. And the American Jewish population should be furious at both these organizations for allowing this to happen."

Non-Jewish groups, churches call for release of Pollard

TORONTO — While many American Jewish groups have hesitated to support various appeals that might lead to freedom for Jonathan Pollard, the Toronto-Mississauga Regional Multifaith Committee on Spiritual and Religious Services has called for a reduction in his life sentence or a new trial. The group is a sub-committee of the Ontario Provincial InterFaith Committee on Chaplaincy and its members include the Catholic and Anglican Churches, the Presbyterian and Baptist Churches of Canada, the Buddhist Community, the Hindu Community and some 15 other religious groupings.

In addition The Canadian Friends of the International Christian Embassy in Jerusalem recently staged a protest rally outside the U.S. Embassy here protesting the "unfair" sentencing of Pollard.

Maynard Wishner baffles readers as Mystery Person

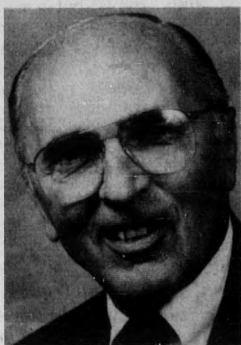
With the fifth and final clue last week not having brought any correct answers to the man or woman who is the current Mystery Person, he can now be revealed as Maynard Wishner of Chicago. The Mystery Person rules call for closing any one contest when there is no winner after five clues.

The first clue, as it should, provided little information. It said that the Mr. Wishner had won a B'nai B'rith International Humanitarian of the Year Award.

The second clue was more definitive. It referred to his election as president of the American Jewish Committee without naming the organization.

The third clue turned to his business activity as president and CEO of a major financial company. That company is the Walter E. Heller & Co., now the Heller Financial, Inc.

The fourth clue could



Maynard I. Wishner

have been a giveaway especially for our readers in Chicago, for he is a past president of the Chicago Jewish Federation.

Then the final clue that he chairs the agency that sets policy for the American Jewish community. That is NACRAC, the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council.

How Israel handles its homeless problem

TEL AVIV — The problem of homelessness is no stranger to Israel, but the manner in which it is being addressed is.

A search for street people sleeping on benches, in bus shelters, parks or stairwells is conducted by the agency of human resources services and those located then become of the community. Once an assessment is made that someone is in need of help — not

those who may be having temporary trouble finding housing — they are assigned to one of two Tel Aviv hotels. The next step is psychiatric and medical care if needed, and they are then treated individually by a social worker who seeks to provide the tools needed to get them back on their feet.

After that they are provided with legal or financial assistance and advice on

which of many government agencies might be of assistance.

If the program reads as if the situation is under control, it isn't. Some 30 to 40 percent of the homeless are alcoholics, not to mention those on drugs. Since 1989 when the number of homeless in Tel Aviv was approximately 30 it has since tripled.

Touvier freed, courts blamed

PARIS — The dismissal of all charges against Paul Touvier, former head of the Vichy militia in Lyon who was twice sentenced in absentia to death for his involvement in the pro-Nazi Vichy militia, brought a denunciation from a French Cabinet Minister at a ceremony in memory of a French couple murdered there. Louis Mexendeau delivered the accusation at a ceremony in memory of Victor Basch, president of the League of Human Rights, and his wife, who were killed in 1944.

Mexendeau lashed out at the Paris Court of Appeals which recently dismissed all charges against Touvier.

Yeshiva U. to honor Gorbachev; a protest

NEW YORK — Yeshiva University believes it has scored a coup as it announced that Mikhail Gorbachev will be the principal speaker at its banquet in his honor on May 13. The news release from Yeshiva states that his speech will condemn anti-Semitism.

Meanwhile in an article in "Outpost," the organ of Americans for a Safe Israel, Ruth King quotes Lev Albut as recalling that "young Mikhail was a zealous promoter of Stalinist anti-Semitism," who "participated in the anti-Jewish agitation surrounding the Doctors' plot, and demanded that Jews be dismissed from university posts."

William Perlman dies in San Diego

SAN DIEGO — William M. Perlman, who with his wife established the Edith and William M. Perlman Chair in Clinical Cardiology at the University of California at San Diego, died at the age of 87. He was assistant general counsel for the War Assets Administration from 1945 to 1947 and for 10 years from 1951 New York Regional Counsel for the U.S. Renegotiation Board.

\$900 M. loan to Israel o.k. but 5 communities abstain

NEW YORK — With only five Jewish communities refusing to participate, the Council of Jewish Federations has completed the project of guaranteeing \$750 million by its local Jewish federations to the \$900 million fund for low cost loans to newcomers to Israel from the former Soviet Union. The remaining \$150 million is being guaranteed by four Israeli banks, the Israeli

government, the UJA and the United Israel Appeal, the Jewish Agency, UJA-Canada and Keren Hayesod.

Of the amount \$200 million is being set aside in case of defaults by the borrowers.

The five cities which have not joined the I16 American Jewish federations are Buffalo, Charleston, Cleveland, Madison, Wisc., Southern New Jersey and Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

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3 leading Jews supporting Buchanan race

ENGLEWOOD, N.J. — Three Jews, one a rabbi, who are supporting the candidacy of Pat Buchanan were the subject of an article in *The Jewish Voice* and *Opinion* here. They are Rabbi Isaac Levy, chairman of the board of the Brooklyn-based Jews for Morality; Craig Leif, of Hackensack, one of Buchanan's delegates in the New Jersey primary and Ira Marlowe, who is challenging incumbent Republican Congresswoman Marge Roukema for her seat representing the fifth district.

The three told the Jewish paper that they support Israel to the hilt and resent those who accuse Mr. Buchanan of anti-Semitism.

Leif, a 44-year-old businessman, put it this way: "Israel should never allow itself to be in a position in which it can be

dictated to by the criminally-insane people who sometimes run this country, especially about giving up land. Israel can't enjoy being the U.S.'s international welfare recipient."

He added that his candidate may not "understand too much about Israel. It's up to the right-thinking American-Jewish community to educate him."

As for Rabbi Levy, the Democratic choice whoever it is will ruin the nation. "It'll destroy the country if Clinton or any of the Democrats get elected." As far as Israel is concerned, he said, it will make no difference who the occupant in the Oval Office is. "Israel is becoming a liability to the U.S. and she had better learn to fend for herself. Clinton will be no better for Israel than Bush, and maybe he'll be worse."

Jews, church group oppose Arab-sponsored peace meet

INDIANAPOLIS — The Jewish community, backed by the Indiana Council of Churches and the Peace and Justice Center, has expressed concern over the conference on Middle East Peace scheduled in the city on May 12, even though there is a Jewish speaker and according to the Indianapolis Star the Israeli consul general in Chicago will participate.

Those opposing the event contend that it is pro-Palestinian and its organizers, mainly out-of-state, have Arab ties. A principal speaker will be Hanan Ashwari, a Palestinian leader in the peace talks currently being held in Washington.

The Jewish speaker, Dr. Marc Ellis, is identified in *The Indianapolis Star* as a theologian who is concerned with Palestinian rights and is not strongly pro-Israel.

The Jewish Community Relations Council of the Indianapolis Jewish Federation is strongly opposing the meeting, terming it pro-Palestinian.

The conference is sponsored by the Attiya Foundation, the American Muslim Council, Evangelicals for Middle East Understanding, the Mercy Corps, the Islamic Society of North America and the Indianapolis Chapter of the National Council of U.S.-Arab Relations.

Before and now for the Jews in Syria

NEW YORK — Whatever Syria's motives, the release of Eli and Selim Swed, brothers jailed since 1987, indicates that country's concern with public relations. Eli Swed, a pharmacist in his 30s, was arrested at Damascus Airport while returning from abroad. His brother, in his 50s and the father of seven children, was arrested a month later. Both were held incommunicado for almost two years. After 3 1/2 years in a secret police prison they were tried in May of last year with neither public charges against them nor the presence of their lawyers and were sentenced to 6 1/2 years in prison.

Meanwhile the 4000 Jews remaining in Syria are cut off from the Jewish world, with demands that they be permitted to leave ignored.

In another move, Syrian President Hafez Assad met with leaders of the Syrian Jewish community for the first time in almost 10 years.

Meanwhile, the plight of young Syrian Jewish girls who cannot find husbands because their male counterparts all have left the country one way or another has won the sympathy of the world, but not that of Syrian officials. In Washington, Edward Djerejian, the U.S. assistant secretary of state for Near East affairs, who previously was the U.S. ambassador to Syria, told Seymour Reich, chairman of the Task Force on Syrian Jewry of COMAJO, that efforts to obtain exit visas for young Jewish women living in Syria for whom there are no potential husbands are continuing.

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JERUSALEM — With three Jewish families having been permitted to leave Syria, and the statement by Prime Minister Shamir that there were "indications" that the Syrian government is prepared to permit Jews to travel freely abroad or emigrate if they wish, the hope was that the problem of the Syrian Jewish community of 4000 souls might finally be over.

Excitement was rife in Syrian Jewish circles abroad, even though caution is being expressed at these first signs of the government's relaxing of its tight supervision and discrimination against its Jewish citizens. In 1943 there were 30,000 Jews living comfortably in Syria.

In Brooklyn, Syrian Jews learned in messages from their relatives in Damascus and elsewhere that they are now free to travel abroad. Heretofore such travel was possible only by leaving a family member behind or posting a large sum of money which would be confiscated if the traveler failed to return.

Another sign of the relaxation by Syria of control over her Jewish community was the freeing of the two Swed brothers, Eli and Selim, who had been imprisoned on trumped up charges since 1987.

Still another sign of the relaxation of tight control and perhaps better relations with Israel was Syria's request through a third party for permission to fly a helicopter over Israeli territory to rescue a group of Syrian soldiers stranded on Mt. Hermon, which was promptly granted.

Quayle very positive, but he learns a thing or so

NEW YORK — The warmest words yet from any White House spokesman about Israel and her relations with the U.S. came from Vice President Dan Quayle who told the 49th annual commemoration here of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising that Israel is "our most dependable ally that we have in the Middle East" and that "never again" is more than the vow of Jewish survivors. It's the unshakable resolution of the world's sole military superpower, the United States of America." He recalled how he and his wife had visited the site of the Auschwitz death camp in Poland with their two children.

With his wife, Marilyn, at his side, he watched as lines of children bearing candles approached the stage to illuminate a huge Magen David.

The vice president may have learned a bit of Jewish history as George Klein, who is in the forefront of the Republican Jewish Coalition, asserted that "The world was indifferent" to the plight of the Jews during World War II "because the British wanted no Jews to go to Palestine."



Dan Quayle

and America "didn't want immigrants. We remember President Roosevelt's indifference to the Jews who needed saving, shelter and recognition."

Elie Wiesel added to the list of accusations against the U.S. government of that time. "How come," he asked, "in all those years the White House was so insensitive to Jewish pain?"

Shoshana Cardin, who now heads COMAJO, didn't relax the situation when she said, "For we have learned that silence is our enemy and advocacy our strength. We will not abandon any Jews in distress."

Abortion status may alter with influx of Russians

JERUSALEM — The impact on the abortion picture in Israel as a result of the large immigration from the former Soviet Union is centered around the fact that 100 percent of the former Soviet Union women are estimated to have abortions, according to a news account by the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. In fact, Soviet Jewish women have an average of two or three abortions. Birth control pills and intrauterine devices are not only scarce in Russia, they are as rudimentary and dangerous as what was available in the West 20 years ago.

By contrast, the statistical average in Israel is half an abortion over a woman's fertile years, according to Eitan Sabatello, director of the demographic division of Israel's Central Bureau of Statistics.

Judith Abrahami-Einat, executive director of the Israel Family Planning Association, said that 100 percent of Soviet Women are estimated to have abortions. Withdrawal and the rhythm method are the two most popular forms of birth control and condoms are unpopular and difficult to find in Russia.

In Israel securing an abortion is possible only under four conditions — if she is under 18 or over 40, if the pregnancy is the result of rape or incest, if it is extramarital or if the pregnancy is a threat to the woman's health. Most of the new immigrants who become pregnant are healthy married women in the barred age range. A concern is that the former Soviet women will find illegal abortions from immigrant doctors, many of whom are not licensed.

The number of illegal abortions in Israel is estimated at 5000. Of those who have applied legally for abortions, 17,020 out of 19,121 were approved.

Condom dispensers are uneducational

TEL AVIV — The plan of Mayor Shlomo Lahat to distribute condom dispensers in Tel Aviv High Schools to combat the spread of AIDS

has run into opposition from Chief Rabbi Eliahu, who called the decision immoral and "highly uneducational".

Norman Lear bombs once again

By RABBI ELLIOT B. GERTEL

Not since the short-lived summer series, *Summer Dinner*, have we had a short-lived Norman Lear series, until the recent short-run



series, *The Powers That Be*, a spoof on a senator's family set (where else?) in Washington, D.C. If this was Lear's way of helping us take stock of moral and social issues in an election year, he could have saved his time by withholding this spoof on soap operas which was not even up to the standard of such spoofs on the old *Carol Burnett Show*.

I must say, however, that *The Powers That Be* offered an excellent cast, one of the most talented and enjoyable ensembles I've ever seen on a TV series, headed by John Forsythe and Holland Taylor. The actors were effective despite the shallow, self-serving pathetic characters that they play, or perhaps because they gave life to the characters despite the writing that could be described with the same adjectives. It's too bad that the actors were wasted on warmed-over Norman Lear. But, then again, the only kind of Norman Lear productions we see nowadays are warmed over from the Seventies.

Why was I not surprised that the longest ad nauseum standing joke of this short-lived series was the sudden appearance on the senator's doorstep of a thirtyish long-lost daughter, Sophie Lipkin from New Jersey, his long lost Jewish daughter? And why was I not surprised that Sophie (played affectingly by Robin Bartlett) is depicted as loud in voice and dress, an uncultivated salt of the earth, to contrast with the pretentiousness of the senator's wife, played nicely by Holland Taylor? It seems that the senator met Sophie's mother, a Jewish nurse, in Korea. This gives the senator's wife the perfect opportunity to refer to Sophie as "your little wartime souvenir," and to engage in the expected banter with her:

Wife: "I didn't realize you people ate shellfish."

Illegitimate daughter: "We like to have them as a side dish when we are eating the Christian babies."

Wife: "There's that much-spoken-of ethnic wit."

And we also get the requisite "insight" into the wife's prejudices when, after chiding her husband not so much for having an affair but for having an affair "with a Jewess," she plays up to an influential Jewish reporter, telling him how much she "enjoys" his column.

Needless to say, or at least it should be, the concept of Jews from New Jersey being

ing her maid, a sadistic leitmotif that the writers revel in beyond the bounds of civilized humor. But the series reveals far more in the "Jewish" stuff.

Is it conceivable in the 1990's that a senatorial family could regard Jews as such sub-human outsiders that the "real daughter" must justify talking to the "Jewish" daughter as an exercise in learning to recognize Jews on the spot? Does such humor expose a situation or create one? And what does Lear really believe about the Jewish daughter being salt of the earth and honest when, in an early episode, she says she is willing to walk out of her

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fresh out of the ghetto — and this two generations after Philip Roth — or being uncivilized or not knowing how to dress is not only a nasty stereotype, but a regression, twice removed, into a nasty stereotype. Hasn't anyone ever told Mr. Lear that New Jersey is a well-established state going back to colonial times, and that the Jewish congregations there are among the oldest and most well-established in the country, and that Jewish involvement in universities and culture there, which rival any state, goes back a long, long time, generations before the Korean War?

Yet "Jews from Jersey" continues to be Lear's central joke. The close second is the literal slapstick involving the senator's wife's constant slapping and poking and burden-

father's life for \$12,000 and a nut dish?

As we learned with *Sunday Dinner*, Norman Lear has nothing to say. In the 1970's he was excellent at "telling it like it is" when saying certain things well enough to get people to think was a novelty. But in the 1990's, when we already know too well how things are, we need some insight and perspective into how they might be. All Lear can do, however, is to make fun of anti-Semitism, when what people really need is to learn what being Jewish means, or to make fun of suicide now that people want meaning to life. And that's why *The Powers That Be*, although a showcase for some fine talent, was a waste of everyone's time.

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Self-hatred

By IRENE BACKALENICK

Herb Gardner's new play which has just opened on Broadway is stirring up a good deal of controversy. Some Jewish theatergoers feel



that *Conversations With My Father* is a destructive portrayal of Jews, showing them in an unnecessarily bad light. Others see it as an open, honest examination of the major issue that has faced the Chosen People down through the centuries. How do we deal with anti-Semitism? Do we face up to the anti-Semites; do we run for cover; do we join their ranks? Do we hold to our own values?

One can take either side in this debate about the value of the show, but the producers are decidedly promoting it as a "must" for Jewish audiences. For example, they are sending out study guides to area congregations, urging them to attend post-performance discussions.

It is not pleasant to acknowledge that a Jew can be filled with hatred for himself and his own roots. But that person surely exists, and Herb Gardner presents a memorable portrait of just such a man — his own father. We

have to believe that this Broadway drama is a personal memoir, given the pain and passion it reveals.

In the course of this searing journey down memory lane, Gardner explores not only Jewish identity vis-a-vis anti-Semitism and assimilation but also father-son relations and the nature of G-d. Most of all, for Gardner, it is a chance to "get it straight," to come to terms with his own past. With the skill of a master craftsman, Gardner weaves memory and reality, past and present, into one play.

Central to the whole story is Eddie Ross (nee Itzhak Goldberg), a Russian-Jewish immigrant who wants to erase all memories of past pogroms (and past Yiddishkeit) and get on with his life. He has chosen to be 200 percent American (as he understands it). His life consists of running a bar in Lower Manhattan, raising his two sons, and tolerating his wife.

Eddie is a blue-collar type — rough, violent, stubborn, and single-minded. He has long since lost interest in his wife — in fact, the day they married. And he admires his older son (who becomes a boxer) and ignores his younger son (the playwright himself), but no one — sons or wife — gets an ounce of affection. Even when Gardner, as a grown man and a successful writer, visits his dying father and pleads for a sign of love,

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DAVID KRUMHOLTZ HAS a conversation with his father, Judd Hirsch in Herb Gardner's new play, *Conversations With My Father*.

Although it is too late to be done before Passover, lots of U.S. Jews would like

to have cleaned out the White House and its Baker.



YOUR NAME

By David L. Gold
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"Your Name" is conducted by David L. Gold, founder and director of the Jewish Family Name File, who won the 1991 Directors' Award of the Federation of Genealogical Societies "for distinguished public service in support of genealogy." Queries should include a list of all known spellings of the name (in whatever language or alphabet), an indication of the specific place for which each of them is known, any family tradition concerning the origin or meaning of the name, and anything else that might help to elucidate it. When indicating places, try to be specific (for example, Minsk rather than Russia) and try to give both the Jewish and non-Jewish names of the place (for example, Yiddish Tsoyzymer/Polish Sandomierz). Almost all queries will be answered in this column. Address inquiries to David L. Gold, The Jewish Post and Opinion, P.O. Box 449097, Indianapolis, IN 46202. Please include SASE.

"Without a family name"

Hyman Bass was a Yiddish cultural activist in the United States whose Yiddish name was Khayim Bez. He had shortened Bez from Bezprowany, which comes from the Russian word bezprowanny (meaning "without a family name").

The Eastern Ashkenazic family name Besfamilny/Bezfamilny, as Bohdan A. Struminsky tells me, is from Russian bezfamil'nyy, meaning "without a family name."

Nome, Alaska, got its name in an unusual way. The head of the surveying office making a map of Alaska didn't know the name of a certain cape on the southern coast of the Seward Peninsula, so he wrote ?name on a draft of the map, expecting his subordinates to fill in the name or confer a name on the place if it did not already have one. Someone in the office misread his notation as C. Nome and took this to be an abbreviated form of Cape Nome. He duly wrote out what he thought to be the full form, the map went to press, and it came out with Cape Nome on it. This name stuck and, when a settlement was later founded near this cape, it was naturally called Nome.

My hunch is that the above-mentioned Ashkenazic family names are to be explained in the same way as Nome: a Russian clerk recording family names presumably noted that an ancestor of Hyman Bass had none and later someone misinterpreted the Russian word as that person's family name. Or, it is possible that a spiteful clerk said, "Well, you have no family name, so I'll call you Bezprowanny" (or Bezfamil'nyy). Whatever the story or stories behind these names, they must be interesting.

A number of other Eastern Ashkenazic family names begin with the Slavic prefix bez-, meaning "without." In installment 43 of this column we saw Bezbrody (misprinted there as Bezbody) and Bezborodko, which mean "beardless" (from Polish and Russian, respectively). Two more are Beznosov ("son of the noseless one") and Bezglasny ("mute," that is "person who cannot speak").

Next week we'll be talking about moonlight and sunshine.

Swastika Park is a no-name

MIAMI — Swastika Park is no name for a subdivision in this community where the Jewish presence is so significant. The problem is that the development by that name has been on Dade County's books since 1917, according to the Miami Tribune. What is involved is altering the documents and deeds of 92 property owners and mortgage holders.

Attorney Alan Der-showitz wants us all to have morechutzpah. We'd like to... but the feisty lawyer has a near-monopoly of the stuff.

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The law firm of Greenberg, Traurig, Joffman, Lipoff, Rosen and Quentel have taken the case pro-bono. Norman Lipoff is the chairman of the United Israel Appeal. The new name being suggested is Tolerance Park, and the original protest to the name came from the local Simon Wiesenthal Center.

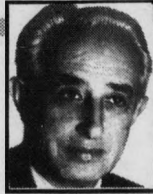
Jerry Brown took some heat for his suggestion of a potential vice president. Jacksonian democracy means Andrew — definitely not Jesse — to lots of Jews.

ROAMING IN LITERATURE

On scholarship and humor

By ELY E. PILCHIK

The fiftieth volume of the Hebrew Union College Annual, dated 1979, is dedicated to the memory of my distinguished very good friend, the scholar



Dr. Samuel Sandmel, who died in November of 1979. That volume contained his important article "Palestinian And Hellenistic Judaism and Christianity: The Question of the Comfortable Theory."

Few Jewish scholars of our times contributed more to Christian-Jewish understanding and harmony than Sam Sandmel. His students, Friedrich E. Greenspan, Earl Hilgert and Burton L. Mack, in their memorial volume titled, *Nourished with Peace: Studies in Hellenistic Judaism in Memory of Samuel Sandmel*, published in 1984 list no less than 243 writings, books, and periodical pieces by Dr. Sandmel featuring his studies in Hellenistic Judaism studies.

Before me, as I write, are eight significant works of his, books which he graciously sent to me. In 1956 he published *A Jewish Understanding of the New Testament*. His *The Genius of Paul* appeared in 1958, published by Farrar, Straus, and Cudahy. *We Jews and Jesus*, was published by Oxford University Press in 1965. *The First Christian Century in Judaism and Christianity*, also published by Oxford Press saw the light in 1969. This was after his publication of *We Jews and You Christians* in 1967. The year 1972 saw his *Two Living Traditions: Essays on Religion and the Bible*, published by Wayne University Press. In 1975 he issued *A Little Book on Religion for People Who Are Not Religious*. When *A Jew and a Christian Marry* appeared in 1977 published by the Fortress Press of Philadelphia. Oxford University Press published his wonderful *The Hebrew Scriptures: An Introduction to Their Literature and Religious Ideas* in 1978 and *Philo of Alexandria, an Introduction* in 1979.

Dr. Sandmel's works are

studied in Christian and Jewish seminaries and beyond to this very day. His remarkable scholarship would lead us to believe that this guy was totally steeped in the seriousness of the First century. This is to report that Dr. Sandmel was a remarkably balanced sort of fellow; his humor equaled his studious seriousness. When we were at the Seminary (The Hebrew Union College) Dr. Sandmel wrote the annual *Purim-Spiel* which we presented for students and faculty. He wrote and directed. He invariably tapped me to play the late great Jewish historian, Dr. Jacob Mann. Now Dr. Mann was not totally sold on the scholarship of the Germanic genius Professor Heinrich Graetz who had written the classical *History of the Jews* which appeared late in the 19th century. Dr. Mann added to (and subtracted

from) that classic with volumes of mimeographed materials. These paper works invariably were supplemented with typographical corrections.

Dr. Sandmel wrote for me a song representing Dr. Mann one Purim. I recall this touch: "Vaist no time with Graetz (pronounced Gray-etz.)

No merit that man rates; But to my pleas be tendah And let me call your attention to the corrigenda.

Nothing is so delectable As finding what is correctable... " etc.

This was characteristic of Dr. Sandmel's brilliant humor. What a scholar! What a mentsch! What a loss! Surely he must be tutoring the servants of the Almighty on High for eternity.

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TALKING ABOUT DEATH

"When my husband died, I didn't want my children to see me moping around the house. You just don't go around crying in front of your kids."

By EARL GROLLMAN

As a member of the clergy, I used to think I too had to keep a "stiff upper lip." My role was to comfort others. I thought, "How would it look



if I displayed weakness?"

I believed this for many years. I did not understand that what I had mistakenly labeled "weakness" was really being human. Because I was in the same congregation for more than a third of a century, I developed strong emotional bonds with many members. No longer do I attempt to stoically repress my feelings. On occasion I weep with the people I am consoling — for I, too, loved the person who died. My display of emotion has not diminished the survivors' esteem. On the contrary, on more than one occasion I heard the remark, "If the rabbi can shed a tear, why then is it so wrong for me?" If it is thera-

peutic for people to grieve for a loss, should professionals be exempt? Physicians, nurses, social workers, clergy, funeral directors — please take note: honestly felt emotions may be expressed.

When you mourn, you give children a model to follow. They understand that it is acceptable for their emotions to be out in the open. If you do not grieve, they may invent reasons for your lack of feeling: "Mommy isn't even crying. She probably didn't love Daddy." Or "Mommy is so jumpy lately. She must be angry at me for something I did." It is helpful to call an emotion by its rightful name: "I am ANGRY... SAD... HURT."

Avoiding feelings does not
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The myths we live by

By YAACOV LURIA
(Part two of two parts)

No myth is more tenuous than the belief in the infallibility of Science. We invest physicians, to take one example,



with the powers of shamans and the wisdom of gods, if not God Him/Herself. I think most doctors would prefer their limitations as well as their competence to be recognized. Maybe malpractice insurance rates would start dropping instead of skyrocketing if we stopped believing in doctors as masters of magic.

Just before World War II medical science took a couple of quantum leaps. The discovery of sulfa drugs, and then penicillin, made many deadly illnesses treatable. Hence, when I came down with a gargantuan eruption of boils during my Army service, I wasn't worried. I checked into the post infirmary cockily. With all those miracle drugs...

All the penicillin had been sent overseas, but the infirmary was full up with sulfa. After loading me on a cot, the orderlies began loading me with sulfa pills. I diluted the pills with copious draughts of water; even then, they knew that undiluted sulfa could kill your kidneys.

Instead of chasing the boils away, the sulfa seemed to invite new ones. They came in clusters, below my waistline down to the ankles, and above it to my neck, eyes and cheeks.

JNF is learning which trees best

TEL AVIV — The Jewish National Fund learned an important but costly lesson from the unusual winter storms which cost Israel the loss of hundreds of thousands of trees. Because the Jerusalem pine tree grew quickly in small amounts of soil, usually rock-strewn, it was the bastion of the trees which now cover Israel almost like those in U.S. national forests.

The pine, though, became a liability as the trees lost their grip when the heavy

Now I knew what the Egyptians had gone through before Pharaoh finally said, "Go!"

The medics stared at the boils as if they were beholding one of the seven wonders of the world. I could see that the doctors were worried too. I asked one of them for some old fashioned black drawing salve. "Ichthyol ointment? We don't use that anymore," he said.

I told him, "Know how my mom treats boils? She heats an old sock stuffed with salt. Then she lays a wet wash rag on the boil and puts the hot salt on it."

God bless that man of science for being open-minded. "It's an idea," he said.

Pretty soon a nurse brought me an electric plate, a pan of water and a stack of gauze pads. I heated the water, soaked the pads, and applied them to my boils. After a couple of hours, the boils began popping open one by one.

Two days later, I walked out of the infirmary boil-free. As I picked up my barracks bag, a nurse confided in me that they had expected me to leave feet first. Lucky for me, I had met a doctor who wasn't carried away by the myth of salvation through science.

Let me count some of the myths I have seen shattered: That you were terribly deprived if you didn't go through psychoanalysis. That human nature was perfectible and we were seeing it happen in the then Soviet Union. That we could go on destroying our soil, water and air without paying a price. That the American system of free enterprise would work forever anywhere. That a healthy tan was healthful... Write your own list.

snow caused them to crash to the ground.

Paul Ginsberg, a JNF forester told the story. "If we don't clear the dead trees away, they could catch fire when the weather gets hot. Also, to prevent mudslides, we need to plant saplings that will put down roots. We can't do that until the site is cleaned up."

The lesson learned is to plant a variety of trees, especially the Cyprus pine which fared well during the winter storms.

The Arab problem: one view

By ALFRED FLEISHMAN

As I sat down to write this column, I thought that since Israel had been sort of soft-pedaled in the news for the past several weeks, it would



be nice to write a column about something else. That's what I thought!

But then I came across a book by Shlomo Avineri titled *The Making Of Modern Zionism: The Intellectual Origins Of The Jewish State*.

Shlomo Avineri is a professor of political science at Hebrew University and is described on the cover as "an internationally-known political philosopher and a leading figure in Israeli politics."

I would call him a "giant" of a figure in Israel or anywhere else in the world. I had the good fortune to hear him a number of times in my visits to Israel and I am almost in awe of this modern-day thinker.

So when I saw his book, I began to finger through it and was fascinated by what I read.

The book is described as "18 sharply edged profiles of Zionism's major thinkers from Moses Hess and Theodore Herzl, to Vladimir Jabotinsky and David Ben-Gurion." I stopped at pages 112 and 124.

I have managed to mention in a number of recent columns that some day Israel and all Jews, will have to treat with the "Palestinian problem." That could be the understatement of the age. It didn't take much of a genius to figure out that some day we would have to face the problem of close to 2 million Arabs living in the "West Bank," the occupied territories of Judea and Samaria and the Gaza Strip, call it what suits you best.

Are we going to drive them out?

Certainly it would appear to take more than the present statements that "we will not give up one inch of the soil of the territories." Or the more or less belligerent statements that I heard some time ago from leaders of the Gush Emunim in Israel.

Especially when one of their leaders told us that "if the Arabs behaved themselves, maybe in a hundred years or so we may give them a vote!"

Nor will the dictum as reported recently in the Jewish Report, "tell Mr. Shamir that I am against autonomy of any kind because that would be blasphemy," contribute to solving the present day problems.

Here's part of what I read in Avineri's book:

"... the dilemmas faced by Zionism in the necessity of confronting the Arab problem because of the existence of the population in Palestine and the Jewish homeland. A realistic attitude towards the Arab population in the country is essential. An attitude of superiority towards the Arabs and their culture will only exacerbate the relations between the two communities."

"... Only by recognizing the true reality of the situation will Zionism be able to develop the tools needed to deal effectively with the questions confronting it."

"... Jewish settlers who found themselves entangled with Arab villagers over field boundaries and in some cases used force as a means to settle the disputes."

"... Some of the Jewish settlers contended the only language the Arabs understand is that of force. One thing we certainly should have learned

from our past, and that is not to create anger among the local population against us.

"We have to treat the Arab local population with love and respect and deal justly and rightly..."

"... Our brethren are right when they say the Arabs honor only those who show valor and fortitude. But this is the case only when he feels he has justice on his side. It is different when the Arab feels that his opponent's actions are unlawful."

"... We tend to believe that all Arabs are desert barbarians, people who do not see or understand what is going around them. This is a cardinal mistake. Arabs, like all Semites have a strong mind and are full of cunning."

"... The Arabs, and especially the city dwellers, know very well what we want and what we do in the country but they behave as if they do not notice it because at present they don't see any danger to themselves and their future. But when the day will come in which the life of our people in Israel will develop to such a degree they will push aside the local population, they will not easily give up its place."

What I have lifted and quoted was written by Achad Ha'Am in 1891, 101 years ago!

I wouldn't dare make any comment on any of it.

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ABOUT BOOKS

By JACK FISCHER

Two books of interest by Raphael Patai are *Journeyman in Jerusalem: Memoirs and Letters, 1933-1947, Volume 2*, a narrative of a young scholar



struggling to make his way while Israel fought to establish itself (July, \$34.95) and *Between Budapest and Jerusalem: The Patai Letters, 1933-1938, Volume 3* which contains letters written by family

members (July, \$29.95). Both books are published by the University of Utah Press.

Film critic Michael Medved, who is an observant Jew, has written a controversial book, *Hollywood Versus America and the War Against Standards* is an attack on the values espoused by Hollywood's movies and their impact on the country (Harper-Collins, August, \$18). This summer PBS will present a three-part series on anti-Semitism. Robert Wistrich's *Anti-Semitism: The Longest Hatred* will be published by Pantheon to accompany the series (August, \$25).

A book sure to stir controversy is *Zealots of Zion: Inside*

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By RIFKA ROSENWEIN

"Lost: Half of Judaism. We're Forming a Search Committee for Women in Judaism," the announcement read.

The sheet of paper was tacked onto the wall of an elevator last fall at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, in New York City, a place, one would think, where Jewish women had already been found. It was here, at the rabbinical school of the Reform movement, that the first woman rabbi in America was ordained 20 years ago this spring.

When the Reconstructionist and, years later, the Conservative movement followed suit, it seemed to many that the "search" for women in Judaism had ended. They were to be found in the same places as men — in the minyan, or quorum of ten needed for public prayer; in the classroom studying Talmud; and finally, in the pulpit.

And yet as more women have stepped into these roles from which they were formerly excluded, they have found it unrewarding merely to mimic men.

Today, years after the first flush of egalitarianism, women rabbis and rabbinical students are beginning to focus more on their own identity as women, fleshing out their own perspective and addressing their own concerns. In this new light, they are reexamining every corner of Jewish life — from life-cycle events in liturgy, from the interpretation of historic texts to synagogue youth programs. In so doing, women are revitalizing the seminaries, challenging the dogma of their respective movements, and changing the very nature of the rabbinate.

"There's a feeling within the Reform movement that we've accomplished everything the feminist movement has asked of us, in that women and men are equal," says Jordan Millstein, a senior rabbinical student at Hebrew Union College (HUC). "But there are some deeper, attitudinal issues not resolved."

"What remained undefined is what it means to be a Conservative woman rabbi," echoes Sara Paasche, a first-year rabbinical student at the Conservative movement's Jewish Theological seminary (JTS). The first victories allowed women to fulfill what had always been a man's role, she explains. "That was fine then. Now there's a shift. Women do bring something different. We want to figure out where the impact will be on the rabbinate," Paasche says.

According to the 30 rabbis, academics, students and lay leaders interviewed for this article, women rabbis and rabbinical students have already had quite an impact — on campuses, in congregations, and in community life — though much remains to be done. Even in the Reform movement, where women have been

rabbis for 20 years, "there are still glass ceilings" as Rabbi Sally Finestone, the Reform rabbi and director of the Harvard-Radcliffe Hillel, puts it. Salary disparities still exist between men and women. In the Reform and Conservative movements, women have not risen to leadership ranks within the professional rabbinic organizations. And there are no women serving as senior rabbis in the largest, most visible pulpits in the country.

In each of the movements, there are more women rabbis than men who choose to go into education, or campus Hillel work or chaplaincies. This is due in part to the fact that many congregations are still resistant to hiring women — and in part because many women find congregational work too taxing to manage while raising a family.

While these stumbling blocks remain, many of those interviewed believe it is just a matter of time before women infiltrate all walks of rabbinic life, even in the Orthodox movement, which does not permit women in the rabbinate. In community work, on college campuses and in charitable activities, Orthodox men and women are coming into contact with women rabbis. They serve as "a very powerful model" for Orthodox women who are making increasing gains in religious education and observance, says Blu Greenberg, an Orthodox feminist and author. Eventually, says Greenberg, Orthodox women are going to ask, "why not me?"

In the meantime, it is in the rabbinical schools of the liberal denominations where women have made their most profound impact. Women now constitute almost half of each graduating class at HUC, JTS and the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College. Having women in the classroom has changed the way students and teachers look at texts and how they view the pastoral and religious responsibilities awaiting them.

"I was a student here before women were ordained. It's (now) a different college altogether," says Professor Lawrence Hoffman, who has taught at HUC in New York for 18 years. "When women first came, we thought we'd just do what we always did, but do it

with women in the room. But with women, came the feminist critique... Now we've gotten to where we're thinking about things so differently."

Hoffman was involved in the creation of a new Reform prayerbook that is not only gender neutral with regard to people, but also tries to foster gender-inclusive images of God and make references to the foremothers as well as the forefathers of Judaism.

"All of this is directly attributable to women in classrooms and old-time teachers like myself being exposed to them," says Hoffman. "Education now becomes more than just statements of

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fact. Women have taught us that how we see truth is a reflection of how we were raised."

In the Conservative movement, the bitter and divisive debate that led to the ordination of women in the 1980s also led to broad changes at JTS, in its curriculum and in its relationship with the laity.

Rabbi Gordon Tucker, outgoing dean of the Seminary's rabbinical school, says that in seeking to be more responsive to the needs of the community, the school's curriculum was revamped four years ago to include more of an emphasis on pastoral work, to focus more on texts that deal with family issues and to develop in small seminars the definition of a Conservative religious identity.

As a result of the debate over ordaining women, "I think the Seminary is a fresher, more revitalized place than it used to be; there's more of a focus on the rabbinical school no longer being just a graduate school. There's a realization that we're serving a constituency," says Tucker.

"It's not just a study of texts, (though) that's still our bread and butter. (God) is being discussed more."

A variety of student groups have sprung up in the past year or two at both HUC and JTS to deal with some of the challenges posed by having women rabbis. They include discussion groups for women, a group for men to help them deal with Jewish feminism, and groups pushing for changes in the way women are discussed in class.

"We're just starting to define ourselves as women rabbis," says Karen Reiss, head of a women's group at JTS. "Students are trying to create the groundwork, a foundation, so there is a place to turn to for every issue... We're trying to create a network," she says.

Many of those interviewed—including the deans of the schools—bemoan the lack of women faculty at all three rabbinical schools. There is one full-time female professor at each of HUC's three campuses; eight at JTS, though five of those teach Hebrew, which the school does not consider an academic subject; and three at RRC.

Sherri Blumberg, the lone woman on the HUC faculty in New York, says her female students in particular clearly appreciate her presence there.

"At the beginning, I was an adviser to both men and women. Then, more women asked for me," says Blumberg, who teaches the education course. "A lot of women wanted someone to talk to. They don't always feel comfortable talking to men about relationship issues, or about when a congregation asks them about pregnancy or sexuality."

JTS offered a course last summer on Jewish feminist thought, given by Professor Tikva Frymer-Kensky. Yosef Abramowitz, one of only three men in a class of 28, describes it as "one of the most invigorating classes ever. Judaism is stale today and here I saw life." Frymer-Kensky, who also teaches at RRC, says she hopes this kind of course will become part of the regular curriculum and not "marginalized in the summer." Her course on women in the Bible is scheduled to become part of RRC's curriculum next fall.

In the schools and in their pulpits, women in all three movements are busy writing new works of liturgy and new midrashim (allegorical interpretations of the Bible) to shed new light on ancient texts; others are reclaiming the lost traditions of their mothers. Rabbi Nina Cardin, director of research and institutional grants at JTS, recently completed a translation of an 18th century Italian prayerbook for women. Out of the Depths I Call to You: Prayers for the Married Woman (Jason Aronson, publisher) includes prayers that a woman can recite before going to the ritual bath, upon finding out she is pregnant, and upon delivery of a child.

"Women, out of their experience of exclusion in Judaism, know the power of texts," says Rabbi Tucker.

They bring this experience of exclusion to the pulpit, as well.

Many of those interviewed point to today's rabbis as a new breed—more inclusive, more informal, more accessible than their predecessors.

It is a more "feminine" rabbi, they say, shaped by the forces of the 1960s, the feminist movement, and the search for spirituality that marks contemporary American life.

"The nature of a woman's rabbinate is one of facility and access to the tradition. This has had a tremendous impact on congregational life," says Rabbi Norman Cohen, dean of HUC's rabbinical school. "The whole community is getting caught up in participation—everyone should be able to learn Torah on their own, to pray on their own," he says.

"The image of the rabbi and how one interacts with a rabbi (has changed)" as a result of having women rabbis, says Harvard's Rabbi Sally Finestone. Women "have made the rabbi a more accessible figure... They have removed some of the obstacles that separated the rabbi from his congregation."

And this new image has benefitted both men and women, Finestone and many of her colleagues note.

"Having women in the rabbinate frees many of our male colleagues to be more vocal about family issues, about spirituality in the synagogue," says Rabbi Susan Grossman of Congregation Genesis Agudas Achim, a Conservative synagogue in Tuckahoe, N.Y. "Women have no role models, which is bad, but it also frees up the rabbinate in general. And it allowed men who were concerned with spirituality to come out of the closet," says Grossman.

Rabbi Cardin, who was graduated from JTS in 1988, notes that among her peers, male and female, there has been what she calls "a radical shift" away from the authoritarian, omnipotent model of a rabbi. Today's rabbis hold Torah study sessions on sabbath mornings rather than deliver sermons; they wander through the congregation rather than stand at a podium; they encourage congregants to lead services and discuss the weekly portion. "What it means is that I, as rabbi, am empowering you to decide what the Torah means to you. I am empowering you to learn, to personalize," says Cardin.

"In the old days, the rabbi was a much more distant, much more authoritative figure. He was revered," says Paula Feldstein, a senior at HUC and president of its student body. "My peers, we're a different kind of generation in the rabbinate. We're much more personal, more nurturing, more let-down-your-hair."

With the influx of women into the profession, the issue of family life, so central to Judaism and so long ignored within the rabbinate, has come to the forefront. "Hiring women has forced congregations to re-evaluate the role of the rabbi's family," notes Harvard's Rabbi Finestone.

"It used to be that when they got a rabbi, they also got their wife," Finestone says. Now, most husbands have a professional life of their own and congregations cannot take the rabbi's spouse for granted. "So now, the demands on a rabbi's (wife) have gotten more realistic, more healthy," adds Finestone, and a male rabbi can express his own desire to spend more time with his family.

It is more often than not a woman rabbi, however, who focuses the congregation's attention on the difficulties of juggling work and family. In many communities, it is now the rabbi who initiates a day care program at the synagogue, often meeting a need felt by many working couples in the area.

Rabbi Grossman, of Congregation Genesis Agudas Achim, who was pregnant when she was hired straight out of rabbinical school in 1989, introduced several children-oriented programs at her synagogue: a storytelling hour, a winter park, and a kids' service on Saturday mornings.

"These might be seen as things that I do as a woman, but really any

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No olim in kibbutzim

By RABBI SAMUEL SILVER

The Israeli minister for absorption, whose task it is to settle the many newcomers from Russia, Ethiopia and other places, is the volatile



Orthodox rabbi, Yitzhak Peretz. He has often precipitated controversies, but none stormier than his latest caper. What was that? He declared that he didn't want the new immigrants to be placed in the kibbutzim because the kibbutzniks will cause them to become apostates. That triggered reactions so violent that when he rose to speak in the Knesset he was loudly booed. To defend himself he said that "shmad," apostasy, doesn't only mean turning to Christianity but the ridicule of Judaism. He asserted that the kibbutzniks have a record of refusing to let immigrants daven, that they sheared the payot off of devout children and in general dereligionized olim from Yemen, Morocco (from which he originally came) and other places.

The hassle resulted in two paradoxes which intrigues the Forward's editor, Mordecai Strigler. A Communist writer, Doris Shikurski, in a far leftist newspaper, Zu Ha-Derech, incredibly took the view of Peretz and chided laborites for deriding religion. Has she forgotten, Strigler asks, how the "Reds" have ridiculed religion? Then Strigler found another reaction in some of Israel's papers. Many Orthodox writers said that Peretz had gone too far in castigating the leftists. Strigler can't get over this strange "historical revisionism."

Competition a problem

The celebrated Yiddish department of Israel's Bar Ilan University is in trouble. President Emanuel Rackman told his board that the American friends of the department have decided that fund-raising for Yiddish is too competitive with fund-raising for the

school itself. The Algemeiner Journal's S. Tzuk heard that the chief opponent of the Yiddish section is the head of Bar Ilan's American board, the philanthropist Ludwig Jesselson.

The news has, of course, saddened the head of the Yiddish department, Rabbi Gershon Weiner, who had plans for expanding it. He's due to retire soon, but he hopes that Rackman and others will avert the decree, even though many of Rackman's aides are far from being ardent Yiddishists.

The Mloteks

Joseph and Chanah Mlotek are a gifted pair. He was the long-time director of education for the Workmen's Circle and both of them conduct a feature in the Forward about Jewish poetry and song. They are also fortunate in that their son, Zalman, has not only followed in their footsteps in terms of enjoying Jewish culture but in that Zalman is nothing short of a musical genius.

He can compose, he can play the piano and he can direct. He is responsible for a number of musicals which have titillated the hearts of thousands of nostalgic lovers of Yiddish. One of them, "Those Were the Days," was a smash in New York. Recently, actors, musicians and performers who have benefitted from his creativity gathered in New York to pay him homage. One after another they came to the stage, recited, sang, and played some of his works. And throughout the evening Zalman waved the baton, sat at the piano and otherwise kvelled as his parents and other admirers kvelled at him.

The Algemeiner Journal is an Orthodox weekly which is not on the same wave-length as the liberal Forward or Workmen's Circle. Nonetheless, a Journal writer, Moshe Loyev, chronicles the event with relish and with expressions of admiration for Zalman Mlotek, a highly talented and versatile conveyor and purveyor of lyrical Yiddishkeit.

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Israel can take it, can we?

By JIM SHIPLEY

Watching the antics of two of the presidential candidates this year, I feel better about Israel. No — the American president is not going to be



named UJA man of the year and Bill Clinton will not make a pilgrimage to the Wall before election day. What I am referring to is the failure of either candidate or either major party to address the real issues facing us in 1992. The lack of guts of our political people contrasted with those of Israel.

The deficit grows apace. We now import more oil from abroad than we ever did. We are 5 percent of the world's people and eat up 25 percent of the world's energy. We spend less on education and the young that we did in 1979.

Our roads are falling apart. We have no national energy policy. There is no cohesive program for public transportation. Every time there is a plan for fixing part of the problem, the congressmen listen to the powerful figures who have bought them and shoot it down. And if it makes it through Congress, the American president vetoes it.

Friends, much as I would love to, I cannot blame the American president for any of this. Not even his Texas secretary of state. No, we have no one to blame but ourselves. Every time a politician has the guts to stand up and tell us what we must do we shoot him out of the saddle.

Paul Tsongas had no problem getting his message out. He told us we had to pay the bills. He told us we had to have a gas tax to pay for clean air, new roads and a sensible energy future. Good-bye Paul Tsongas.

Bill Clinton has some very scholarly position papers on a number of issues. But he loves the jingoistic sound of "tax the rich" and "less burden on the middle class." Truth is, the middle class takes more entitlement moneys (the largest part of the federal budget)

than the poor.

Well, contrast that with Israel. The prime ministers of Israel have been delivering the unpleasant message since the first term of David Ben Gurion. As soon as the state was established, Ben Gurion knew that they would have to go to war. War on their own soil. He told the people and they responded magnificently.

Two years later, a barely viable state suddenly had to take in 700,000 Jewish refugees from Arab lands (the refugees never mentioned in all the rhetoric of displaced Middle East citizens). The government stepped up to bat and said to the less than 800,000 residents of the infant nation, "they're ours and here they come." The government did not topple, the people dug down deep and absorbed the whole batch.

Last year they were asked to absorb thousands of Ethiopians. Black, under-educated, from another culture, another world. No problem, bring 'em in. Life is not a bed of roses, but the People Israel were told what had to be done and are doing it.

Now hundreds of thousands of Russian immigrants are pouring in. The American president has decided that America will have no part in

YOUR TORAH

Aharei Mot Because Torah says so

By RABBI REUVEN BULKA

Through the conditioning process of generations, there are certain things which Jews cannot do, certain foods they simply cannot eat. For many,



the stomach will not digest non-kosher food, and the senses are repelled by its odor. Is there really such a thing as a Jewish stomach? And, if so, is it desirable?

settling them. Fair enough. The people of Israel were told the truth and they will get the job done.

There are those who say that if told what they have to do, the American people will respond the same way. Perhaps so. They do not demonstrate it in their actions. We may find out in November. I doubt it.

So, America will continue its aimless wandering in the desert of sweet dreams while the drought descends. Israel has decided to make the desert bloom. For them, it is not a new idea. There's your contrast. And America's borders are not even in danger!

We criticize so much of what goes on in the Jewish State. An honest look will tell us that given one-tenth the resources of this land, or half a break on hostility, even more miracles would abound. Remember, the next time someone starts the game of Israel-bashing what those people swallow every day and endure. Don't let the newspaper get away with it. Don't let any Jew do it. So far as the American president and his Texas secretary of state is concerned, well, November is coming.

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The biblical prohibition concerning the eating of blood is well known. "No soul of you shall eat blood" (Va-Yikra 17:12) is one of the many verses expounding this prohibition. What is unique about this verse is that it gives substance to a "warning for the adults concerning the children" (Yevamot 114a). The blood legislation in the midst of the other food laws is peculiar in that adults are enjoined from giving blood to children, as is also the case with the creeping things, the abominations which are forbidden and which may not be given to children (Va-Yikra 11:42; Yevamot 114a).

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Israel first in diamond industry

By SAMSON KRUPNICK

Israel's diamond industry, proudly displaying a long banner across the skyscrapers which house the Diamond Center, proclaims to the entire



world: "We are Number 1 in the World in Exports," is a good index of export prospects of Israel's production for 1992. The position in world leadership in carving, polishing and exporting, maintained over many years despite sharp competition from many parts of the world, sets an example to Israel's industry of efficiency in manufacturing and effectiveness in marketing, particularly in the difficult economic condition in international markets. The diamond industry has virtually no local market for its huge production and must of necessity rely upon the international market.

The Desert Storm, in which Israel was an unwilling participant, disrupted almost completely both production and exports for two months in early 1991 and delayed resumption of activities for several months thereafter. El Al Israel Airlines was the only contact to world markets and prohibitively high insurance rates prevented diamond shipments. Finally with Government intervention, conditions returned to normal and the diamond industry began to recoup its lost production and was able to make deliveries.

When the war ended, and even before, an economic recession was felt in the United States, followed by similar slowdowns in most western countries, as well as in Japan. With the United States representing over 40 percent of Israel's diamond exports and Japan another 20 percent, prospects of a substantial recovery seemed bleak. Israel began an intensive marketing campaign which resulted in the sale to the United States of \$941,578,275 of polished diamonds, constituting 38 percent of net diamond exports of

\$2,471,836,767 during 1991. Despite intensive efforts, sales to Japan, Israel's second largest customer in sales volume, exports dropped by 20 percent to \$441,591,393, representing 18 percent of total exports.

Hong Kong maintained its level as first in sales of \$400,729,651, over 16 percent of total exports. Remaining sales to Belgium, Switzerland, Italy, Germany, France, Great Britain, Canada, Singapore, Australia, Netherlands and others reflect the overall drop of 11 percent in total diamond exports in 1991 from the record diamond sales by Israel of \$2,783,404,865 the year before.

All factors considered, the

national and regional levels. Schnitzer, much impressed by what he saw, commented enthusiastically, "I saw large modern jewelry stores in Canton, with others scheduled to open in Shanghai. The expansion of a free economy in China with a dynamic urban population, part of which is enterprising and has the means and desire to acquire jewelry, makes the potential mainland Chinese market the most promising in decades for the world diamond trade."

A more dynamic marketing effort by the diamond industry is reflected in the decision to show its products

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recovery of the diamond industry was truly remarkable. Israel was successful in maintaining a high degree of sales and in preparing for a greater volume as economic conditions improved, meanwhile striving to penetrate other markets.

In this connection, a most important event, a real precedent, was the visit of a top level business mission to China. Moshe Schnitzer, president of the Israel Diamond Exchange, was a prominent member of this delegation along with eight other outstanding leaders of Israel's industrial enterprises. They spent two weeks visiting Chinese industrial firms. The delegation was welcomed by the acting prime minister, the president of the National Bank of China and key officials at

in international exhibits. The first such exhibition was the International Jewelry Tokyo '91.

A greater concentration on technological advances in the industry has already resulted in cost cutting and in making Israel more competitive during a recession period when price cutting was rampant. Appropriate was the creation of the Gemological Laboratory Japan-Israel, a joint venture to serve Israel and Israel's Japanese clients in Japan.

In this spirit the first International Diamond Technical Symposium was held in Tel Aviv, sponsored jointly by the Central Selling Organization of London in cooperation with the Israel Diamond Institute. Some 530 delegates from 23 nations participated, includ-

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Two families in grief

HAIFA — The violence and the bloodshed commanded headlines; the heart-rending human drama that followed went almost unnoticed.

The news is still fresh in the minds of all who heard about it. A tall, powerful Arab from Gaza, wielding a machete and a knife, attacked a group of children and other passersby in a Jaffa street, killing two and wounding more than a dozen others before a passing policeman shot him down.

The tragedy united two families in common mourning: the family of 18-year-old Ilanit Ohana, a beautiful girl who was attacked by the murderer as she happened to pass, and the family of Abdel Ghani Karim, an Arab garage owner, who sought to protect her from the flailing sword.

The atmosphere was tense at Ilanit's funeral, as friends and neighbors, infuriated by the fanatical deed, shouted "death to the Arabs." A group of Arab women was present, colleagues of the dead girl's mother at work. They were silent and withdrawn. Another Arab present was more conspicuous. He was Midhat Al-Karim, 19-year-old son of the Arab garage owner who had given his own life in a vain attempt to protect the girl from her assailant.

How did the young man feel when he heard the excited threats of the crowd against Arabs? He did not win. He leaned forward, placed a comforting hand on the shoulder of Ilanit's sister, and then spontaneously the two embraced in an expression of shared grief.

It was courageous of him to come, the sister said later. The fact that he was an Arab meant nothing to her, she added. There was no feeling of hatred. To the contrary, the Jewish family hopes to maintain contact with the Karim family in the future as well, especially when they heard that in the memorial album which the Arabs had opened in memory of the head of their family, they had included a picture of Ilanit.

The Ohanas and the Karims, two families from entirely different backgrounds, strangers to each other, met and established bonds on the common ground of a murderous tragedy.—C.A.

Marilyn Monroe, but not at post office

JERUSALEM — A scantily clad Marilyn Monroe on a poster promoting a new series of stamps featuring past film stars has been banned

from the post offices as offensive. The action was taken by Minister of Communications Raphael Pinhasi, who is Orthodox.

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SOCIAL CALENDAR

By Jean Herschaft

Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall held a concert that besides being a brilliant production by the Tchaikovsky Chamber Orchestra, was a framework of contemporary history. Dimitri Shostakovich's Holocaust recollections etched in music reigned.

It featured Ignat Solzhenitsyn, pianist. Yes, he was the kin, the son of Nobel laureate Alexander Solzhenitsyn in his first performance in New York. We, part of the packed audience, were enchanted. Our layman's response to the son of the exiled author, whose best known book is *The Gulag Archipelago*, was confirmed the next day, when the New York Times music critic reported "... the star of the evening was pianist in the concerto, Ignat Solzhenitsyn... son of Alexander Solzhenitsyn, who played Shostakovich's spiky passages with bristling vitality but also brought a fine touch and sensitivity on lyrical material..." Also, praised was Neil Balm on trumpet and conductor Lazar Gosman, who was a major figure in the musical life of the Soviet Union and formed the Soviet Emigre Orchestra in '77 when he arrived in the U.S., later renamed The Tchaikovsky Chamber.

That evening, invited to a private reception for the orchestra on Center Park West by patrons of the musical arts, the Klugers, originally from Kiev, we met and chatted with both young Solzhenitsyn and Gosman.

The tall pianist with snow white hair at age 20 is a student at the Curtis Institute of Philadelphia. He was born in Moscow in 1972. "When my father was exiled from the Soviet Union, I was 18 months old," he said, responding to my questions with many admirers clustered about him. "My father has lived in Vermont since 1976. I live in Philadelphia."

His 73-year-old famous father has lived in exile and seclusion for the past 15 years with his wife and mother-in-law in Cavendish, VT. Last September, the chief Soviet prosecutor closed the 1974 treason case against Solzhenitsyn and sent him a telegram of apology. The author's books contained searing descriptions of life in Soviet prison camps and broad indictments of communism's legacy. He was expelled in 1974. His son believes that one day his father will return to the new Russia, he said.

Meanwhile, the young pianist, who began piano lessons at age 9, has performed solo and with chamber ensembles in concerts and recitals in France, England, Italy, and Spain, as well as in the U.S. and Central America. His mother was with him this evening of special triumph.

Gosman, the leader of the Tchaikovsky Chamber Orchestra, is known across the country and internationally as a music director, concertmaster, solo violinist and teacher. He also directed the Leningrad Chamber Orchestra. Emigrating to the U.S. with his wife, Eugenia, in '77, he accepted a post with the St. Louis Orchestra. Recordings by his orchestra are available on CBS Masterworks and other labels.

"We have been invited to play later this year in Russia," he told us.

He talked of the Shostakovich piano concert, Op. 35. "The second movement reflects the composer's response to the annihilation of millions of people during the course of the 20th century," he said. "Hatred, cruelty and coercion, all of which he feared and fought are clearly heard. The Jewish melody from the trio is symbolic of the immolation of innocents. This music evokes images of agonizing death, of infants and aged.

Israel crack haul a first for her

TEL AVIV — Israel has a first, but not a desirable one, except from one standpoint. Crack worth \$350,000 was seized by drug squad detectives from a luxurious apartment in north Tel Aviv, and the owner and his

wife arrested. The price of the drugs on the street would probably be double that amount.

Police said the drugs were stuffed inside teddy bears and probably were imported from the Far East.

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JEW BY CHOICE

Dues Jews and Presbyterians pay

By MARY HOFMANN

My son, Cameron, has been hired as the organist for the Central Presbyterian Church. While this might be seen as an interesting cross-



religious/cultural event, the chords that really twang in my mind are financial.

For the privilege of having my admittedly gifted son accompany their choir at rehearsals twice a week and play their massive pipe organ on Sundays (for which they're providing him lessons), they will be paying him something in the realm of \$6,000 to \$7,000 a year.

While I am thrilled for Cameron (he finally has a real, live, paying job!!!), I can't help but translate these things over to the fiscal realities of our little Jewish congregation. For playing a relatively tiny number of hours per week, the Presbyterians are paying my kid an amount of money well over half the entire annual budget of my congregation.

This is a mainline Protestant church, mind you, not the kind of pentecostal, born-again group that I perceive of — rightly or wrongly — as rolling in the tithes of their faithful. I had a vision of Presbyterian plate-passing, but beyond that I really wasn't aware of how they raised funds. How can they afford to pay my son so much money?

A good friend of mine is a member of that church, and in a recent discussion we talked about our congregations and how they operate. I mentioned that we pay dues rather than give weekly donations, and she wondered at the amount. When I say \$400 for a family, she looked at me in open-eyed shock. When I started to defend the amount (we had just raised it from \$350), she laughed out loud.

"I wasn't shocked because it was a lot," she said. "I was shocked because I don't understand how on earth you can make it on \$400 a year!"

"So how much do you charge?" I asked.

"Ten percent of our incomes," she replied flatly. "Ten percent of the gross, in fact."

Even the Presbyterians, apparently, tithe.

At tithing rate, then, our members would only be grossing an average of \$4000 per family per year. Frankly, I don't think we're even nothing, let alone tithing. Nonetheless, we do hear a lot of complaints about the high cost of dues and more than a few pleas about not being able to

live a deal. I'm always hearing about how Jews are the most generous contributors in the world, but the generous Jews apparently live elsewhere. From what I hear from other Jewish congregations at various conferences, they don't live there either. So where are they?

Apparently we need a new gimmick. Anybody got any ideas? Judaism is a wonderful thing, and most Jews give lots of lip service to the need for its survival. Unfortunately,

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afford the usurious rates we charge.

This whole organist thing has changed my perspective. We are, quite frankly, a hel-

that's not enough.

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Memphis temple gets bomb threat

MEMPHIS — A bomb threat at Temple Israel here has led to increased security at the Reform congregation.

Yom HaShoah

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were shot, gassed, tortured, burned and hanged.

I say kaddish for the particles of ashes from the crematoria which imbedded themselves not only in my nose but in my memory, in my soul and in every fiber of my body.

I say kaddish for the children in Auschwitz whose cries I am still hearing so many nights later.

I say kaddish for all the beautiful Jewish communities that are no more, and for the extinguished academies of Jewish learning that formed the fire in the souls of our young.

I say kaddish for six million sisters and brothers who are flesh of my flesh, blood of my blood and soul of my Jewish soul who were executed for being Jewish.

Let us recite the kaddish and let us remember that the Holocaust — the Shoah — happened because hordes of evil people turned against us for being Jewish. To them, we say what the prophet Samuel said, and what my friend Ahron z"l said — "Netzach Israel lo yishakare."

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Older women, younger men

By ARLENE G. PECK

A couple of years ago, I wrote that certain things get better with age... antiques, wine and women. Although not necessarily in that order.



Well, I still agree that the best chicken soup comes from an older hen. But, lately I've decided that in the relationship of older women and younger men, his attraction doesn't usually stem from her cooking.

I used to complain that I missed the most interesting of times. I was having babies when everyone was burning bras. By the time I divorced after 15 years of wedded boredom, it was too late. Strange, and—later—deadly diseases were on the horizon. You may not die from herpes but you sure could die with it. And, the meaning of AIDS was no longer Kool-aid, band-aid or travelers' aid as my generation had been led to believe. But, folks, I think I'm in a rut that has the potential to be lovely. Taboos are down and the beliefs are growing that if more younger men would be in bed with older women, there'd be fewer wars. She has the patience to teach him the importance of the proper follow-up. Women need foreplay and man wants one play. She can break him of bad habits that he could develop later on.

Now, these are not only my thoughts, profound as they might be. I had to do a lot of research to discover just how the younger man in the 90's is thinking along this trend. Now, what I found was that a large indication of such a happening has a lot to do with the amount of self-confidence those involved might have. And if the woman's past history is a secure one, then although lovely to hear, she doesn't need the constant reaffirmation that she's still attractive. She knows her sense of self and worth.

She's been around the track once or twice and is not looking at life through virgin

eyes. And, due to her age or experience with life, an older woman is not going to allow herself to be used. She's done that before. Games don't have the allure that they once might have had. A lot also depends on the woman and what kind of mindset she's in. Unless she's a traditional type Donna Reed person, who aren't easy to find in the 90's, then she has no qualms about taking the initiative and maybe some of the burden, like planning activities that she knows she likes and he might enjoy. Which is something that can sometimes get tiresome in a relationship with a younger girl. It's more relaxed when

And, if the woman is in that frame of mind, then that could be a limiting factor in how he feels. I was truly surprised to hear that the younger man would be more serious going into the relationship than the same guy would dating a younger girl.

And, let's not forget energy levels. A woman with a high libido and energy level could scare the beegoes out of an older man. He could think she's going to put him in traction, and rightly so. But the younger guy is on the same level. He knows, also, that in bed she's possibly less inhibited and more creative. Lessons are there to be learned

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the woman takes part in the activities which as an older woman she doesn't mind doing. Maybe that's another importance difference... young girl and older WOMAN.

I suppose in the hierarchy of needs, that pyramid that we all scale, one of the benefits of age is when you get to the top you achieve your own view of life. You know where you fit or, don't fit, in. It's easier because you know how life works and what makes things tick. Whether such a relationship is a lasting one depends, I suppose, on where each is at. A woman who has already had her family can be compared to the guy in college who was only out for sex.

Grollman

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make them go away. Denial drives suffering inward, where it later emerges in a disguised or undesirable reaction. Don't you really feel better when your thoughts are

from each other.

The true sexual organ is really the brain. And, the most powerful aspect of sex is in the mind. And, if the union has been joined there also, and it's not just a ship's passing in the night situation, the attraction isn't affected by the effects of gravity on her body. The message is clear that through mental and emotional stimulation it's going to be more lasting and more satisfying. Besides, it's a lot better than getting bubble gum in his hair. It just helps if the woman is wise enough to know that it's what you learn after you know it all that counts.

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expressed? "Did you know that I, too, am troubled?" Grief is worked through when both child and parent understand and reveal their uncomfortable feelings.

Bedroom inadequacy

By RITA EDLIN

Q: I'm 71 years old and have been retired for seven years. My wife died almost a year ago, just after we celebrated our 50th anniversary. I am living alone now,



but, thankfully, I am not alone. Just after my loss, a very dear friend called to express her sympathy. She had lost her husband about six years ago. The four of us were all old friends and it was comforting to me to have an old friend from the past. We have been seeing each other several times a week now for some months, with the approval of both our families. My problem is that she is a very attractive, affectionate and loveable woman, but I am not able to meet her needs in the bedroom. I have consulted my physician who could find nothing wrong. He recommended a series of testosterone shots but that didn't help. Then he recommended counseling. It's been six weeks, but nothing has changed. I don't know what to do now. Millie and I are fond of one another, enjoy each other's company and like the same activities. We would like to marry, but I don't feel as if I should unless I can satisfy her. What do you think? D.S., Wisconsin-G.S., Seattle.

A: I think you and Millie are lucky to have found each other! It sounds as if you and she have a good relationship and are able to satisfy one another in most, if not all, ways. I'm glad you wrote and I hope I can help.

It was wise of you to consult your physician first. Did he recommend that you consult a urologist? If not, ask him to do so. There are many new treatments, besides testosterone, that may help. A good urologist should know about these and be able to recommend alternative treatments.

In the emotional department, it's not surprising that you are not ready for intimacy so soon after your loss. After all, your wife had only been gone a short time when you began seeing Millie. Did you take time to grieve?

Grieving is a very exhausting business and usually does

cause temporary impotence and/or disinterest in sex. It also causes a loss of appetite, sleeplessness and depression. Most widowed people say it takes well over a year to recover an interest in all the pleasures of life. It may be even longer for those who were married to the same partner for many years.

So give yourself time to mourn over your wife and don't try so hard to please Millie right now. If she's as loving as you say, she'll understand and be patient.

It is not uncommon for widowed persons to feel guilty about the death of their mates. They may feel responsible for having brought about that heart attack, stroke or fatal accident.

They may feel it was their fault because they were not there at the time. Or, they may feel guilty simply because they are still alive and their mate is not.

It may not seem logical, but these feelings are common and do interfere with forming new, intimate relationships, as well as the other pleasures in living.

Sometimes the fear of impotence and worry over it can aggravate the problem. Sex therapists know how to treat that anxiety as well as the feelings of guilt.

You said you were consulting a counselor. Is that counselor trained to do sex therapy? If not, do ask for a referral to someone who is. Be sure that person is trained, specifically, in sex therapy and is accredited. For a list of certified AASECT members, (American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors and Therapists) send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to AASECT, 435 N. Michigan Ave., Suite 1717, Chicago, IL 60611. Or, if you simply want more information about impotence, write to an organization called ROMP (Recovery of Male Potency), c/o Nancy Petts, R.N., Grace Hospital, 27211 Lahser Rd., Suite 208, Southfield, Mich. 48034. You can also call them at 1-800-835-7667.

Meanwhile, enjoy the other aspects of your relationship. You don't have to marry to have companionship and friendship. It won't hurt to

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The warning to the adults concerning the children is an educational prescription. It urges the teaching of the specific value to the next generation. It seems therefore a big incongruous that such education should be emphasized regarding blood, which is by its very nature repulsive. Education would seem more necessary for those food laws which are, in a philosophical sense, more difficult to digest.

The special attention given to the blood legislation seems to contain an important message. Precisely because the child is likely to abhor blood without prompting is education necessary. The education is necessary to teach that blood is prohibited not because it is repulsive but because the Torah made it so. As the Sifra (Va-Yikra 20:26)

points out, one should not say that swine's flesh is loathsome but rather that it would be desirable were it not for the decree of the Torah!

In other words, specifically when biblical injunction can recede into personal aversion is education needed to project the true essence and intent of the commandment.

Why is there a rejection of the "Jewish stomach?" Simply because observance predicated on personal taste loses its transcendent factor. The personal taste which accepts also rejects. When the observance is a spiritual commitment, it rises above taste even though it is always tasteful.

Ultimate religious expression is manifested not by one who cannot eat blood or pork or creeping things but rather by one who can but won't.

Fischel

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the West Bank Settlement Movement by Robert I. Friedman. The volume promises to explore the human dynamics and political ramifications of Israel's occupation of the West Bank. The author's most recent book was a biography of Meir Kahane (Random House, August, \$22.50).

Israel is the subject of *Judaism, Nationalism and the Land of Israel* by Martin Sicker (Westview). The author examines the religious and cultural issues underlying Israel's

ideological divisions (August, \$37.50). A work of fiction with an interesting plot is *The Sins of the Father* by Allan Massie (Carroll and Graf) in which a blind Jew recognizes the voice of an old SS officer in Argentina (July, \$19.95). *The Journey* by Ida Fink, translated by Francine Prose, is also a work of fiction which tells the story of two Jewish sisters disguised as Polish peasants who work as hired labor in wartime Germany (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, July, \$20).

Krupnick

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ing delegates from the USA, Belgium, Republics (USSR) Botswana, India, South Africa and Far East countries. A three-day symposium was hailed as a great success in marking a new era of hi-tech for the world diamond industry.

The industry in Israel comprises 630 factories employing 9,581 workers in all of its branches of various operations. The Institute's claim is: "Aside from the incomparable quantity and quality of Israel-cut goods, we offer something that no other center can — a self-contained diamond city, comprising everything, inside the secure walls of a multi-tower complex, unique to Israel — the Diamond Capital."

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G-d on bills ban them in toilets

JERUSALEM — Because dollar bills have "In God We Trust" printed on them, they should not be taken into the toilet unless they are concealed in one's pocket. This was the ruling by Chief Sephardic Rabbi Mordechai Eliahu this week.

Edlin

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prolong the courtship a bit and it will give you both a chance to know and enjoy each other more, now. Good Luck!

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Women rabbis

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rabbi would do this who's interested in families and in attracting more families to the synagogue," says Grossman.

Congregants notice the effects of having a woman rabbi, especially when it comes to children.

"I think the greatest impact is on kids, especially for adolescent girls, who now see women role models," says Annette Koch, a member of the Reform Temple of Suffern in Suffern, NY, whose spiritual leader is Rabbi Elyse Frishman.

Women congregants, many of whom are working professionals, see an ally in a woman rabbi. "I'm an attorney. I'm out there. I'm used to fighting being invisible. It's easier to do that with (Rabbi Frishman) at the helm," says Koch. She notes that more women attend synagogue more regularly since Rabbi Frishman arrived in 1981. "They feel more included. It's not an exclusive men's club anymore," she says.

The effects of a woman rabbi are not lost on men either. "To me, a rabbi was 67 years old and had a beard," says Miles Alter, president of Frishman's synagogue. "But her warmth and charisma won me over immediately... Her talk is not a (sermon), but a dialogue. It's a give and take. There's no bimah (stage). She wants to be accessible," says Alter.

Donald Fleishaker, ritual chairman at Grossman's synagogue, admits he was initially opposed to hiring a woman

rabbi. But Grossman, who was graduated at the top of her JTS class, was clearly the best candidate. "Other than the fact she was a woman, she was terrific," says Fleishaker wryly. "(But) I felt it wasn't the right time to be an experimental synagogue. I didn't think we were ready for a woman. I had nothing against her per se."

By the end of Grossman's first year, Fleishaker says he became "her most ardent supporter," though, like Alter, he feels committed only to his own rabbi. When asked if he would hire another woman rabbi in the future, Mr. Fleishaker responds that he "would not say no."

And perhaps — despite all the passion about women rabbis — that is ultimately the way many women would want it. "A sign of success for me is when I'm no longer called to speak about being a woman rabbi," says Finestone at Harvard. "I can speak about medieval Jewish philosophy, or the campus. I'm no longer a novelty."

Shira Leibowitz, a JTS student, agrees. "You get tired of always confronting these issues. You get tired of always being a female rabbinical student," she says. "I just want to be seen as a student, a serious student, who wants to be a rabbi."

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Backlenick

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the father remains aloof. To the end, he is unredeemed and unredeemable.

It is difficult to enjoy this play because its central character is so thoroughly unpleasant. Even Tony Walton's wonderful set of a vintage New York bar does not make the play more attractive. Nor does Judd Hirsch's heavy-handed interpretation of the role. Hirsch is the star of this star vehicle, and with good reason. A name star sells tickets on Broadway. But Hirsch plays the part with the relentlessness of a bulldozer, never changing his facial expression nor giving variation to his delivery. Granted that he is not meant to be a charmer. Eddie Ross' only admirable moment is when he stands up to two small-time Italian hoods. Ross, as played and as written, rants about the stage, giving orders, and redecorating his bar with new themes

and new tchotchkes.

What does redeem the production are other performances, notably that of David Margulies as an aging Yiddish actor. Margulies provides the show its rare moments of grace and poignancy, as he talks about the Yiddish stage and about his life in the old country. Margulies gives a wry, ironic and infinitely appealing performance. Also notable is Jason Biggs as the teenage older son. A recruit from the television screen, he is a remarkably gifted young actor.

Conversations With My Father, despite its considerable flaws, is a thought-provoking piece that should provide considerable material for those post-production seminars. The show is in open run at the Royale Theatre.

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